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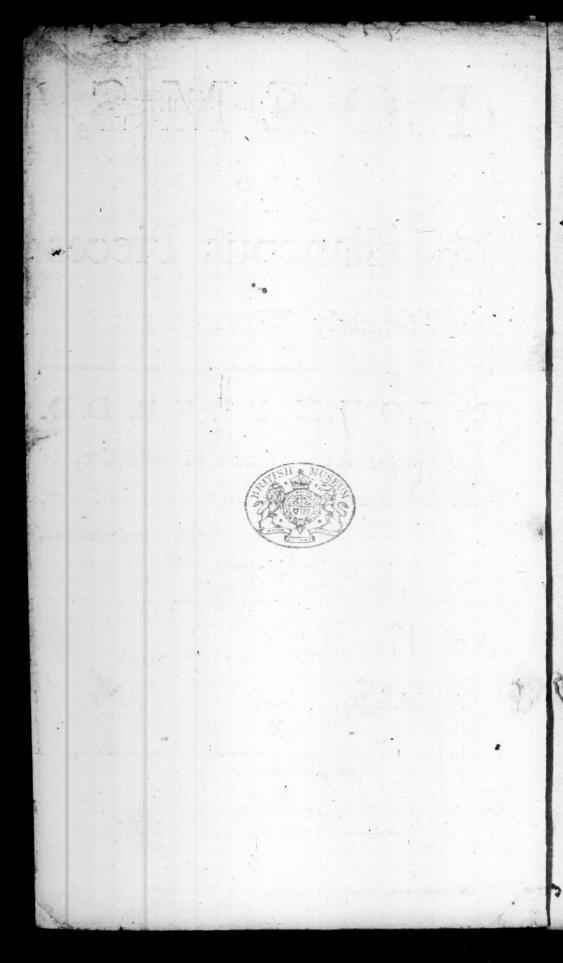
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pares, quod vendere possis
Pluris dimidio, nec te fastidia mercis
Ullius subeant ablegandæ Tiberim ultra,
—Lucri benus est odor ex re

Qualibet——
Unde habeas quærit Nemo, sed oportet habere,
Hoc monstrant vetulæ pueris poscentibus assem:
Hoc discunt Omnes ante Alpha et Beta puellæ.

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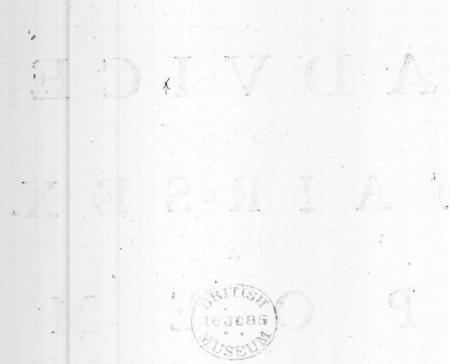
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#### ADVICE to the FAIR-SEX.

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I ADIES, attend; from ancient Greece receive

The Precepts, Moderns are too lewd to give.

Who wrote these Verses, shew'd a Father's Care,

At once admir'd, and disciplin'd the Fair;

In Times, before kept Mistresses began,

When Wives could win the Savage-Creature Man!

When Maiden-Ladies not too wanton grown

Could praise Virginity, and Lie alone.

Oh! had be been in these Degen'rate Days—

But hear my Author, and approve his Lays.

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HAPPY

Is still by Thoughts of Innocence possest;

Who keeps her Virgin Liberty; nor knows

A Mother's Burthen, nor a Mother's Woes.

No brooding Cares her easy Days perplex;

She sits above the Frailties of her Sex:

By Fancy wasted here or there may seel

The Good in ev'ry State without the Ill,

Tho' single, be in Conversation join'd,

[Mind!

Where Thought meets Thought, the Wedlock of the

OR would my Fair, from Cares and Bus'ness free, Like greedy Merchants dare the troubled Sea,

Καλον μ, δέμας άγνον έχειν, αδμητά τε μίμνειν Παρθενικίω, καθαροϊσί τ' αξι μελεδήμασι χαίρειν, Μήτε βαρυλήτων λαγόνων ωξι Φόρλον άγκσαν, Μήτε ωόνον τρομέκσαν αγάσονον Είλειθήης 'Αλλ' ήαζ βασίλειαν αφαυρών θηλυλεράων, Ψυχης όμμα Φαεινον ύπερ βιότοιο χέκσαν, "Ενθα γάμοι κεδνοι κ αληθέες, ένθα μιγείσα Θεωτεσίοις έπεεως νοήμαλα Φάεα τίκλ. Εί δε σε κ ξωοΐο ωόθ Θ βιόπιο κιχάνει,

And

And turn that sad Adventurer — a Wise,
I'll be her Pilot down the Tide of Lise;

But rest contented with a Parent's Choice.

Blest is the Maid, who weds a Man of Sense:

Who takes a Fool must bear his Insolence.

To a wise Husband ev'ry Thought submit,

Nor trust a Female Forwardness of Wit.

If Care oppress him, gentle Words may find

A fond Acceptance, and relieve his Mind:

Your friendly Charms may mitigate his Woe,

And prove the sweetest Comfort Man can know,

Καὶ τέτο προδακίς έρεω, πῶς χρή σε περήσαι
Τον πλεν, ώς Φασιν, τον δώτερον εύφρονι θύμω.
Έςω σοι πόσις οὖτ۞, ἀν ἀν κρίνωσι τοκήες.
Κἀν μθρ ἔη πινυτὸς, σὰ μακαρτάτη κɨ δε κεν ἀλλως ᾿Ανέρα μοιρήσαιο, Φέρκιν ὰ τέτον ἀνάγκη.
᾿Αλλ ἰῶ μέν τις σοι πεπνυμέν۞ ὅτλι κεν κɨπη,
Πκίθεο, μηδ εςω βί۞ ἀνδιχα. γίνεο δ' ἀυτῷ
Μαλιχίη, κὰ μᾶλλον ὅταν τι ε κῆδ۞ ἰκάνη.
᾿Ανδρὶ ἢ ἀχαλόωντι παραίφασίς ἐςιν ἀκοιτις.

Affair

Affairs abroad he best will understand;
Home is the Province for a Wise's Command\*.
In things of weight if he reveal his Mind,
Be sure to take the Condescension kind;
With due Attention wait till all is said;
If ought you answer, be that Answer weigh'd.

Λείπε δε δι τα θύρηφι, τα κ διώαται πονέεοδζ.
Σοι δ' δικωφελίη μελέτω, μέγαρόν τε φυλάσσαν.
Μηδέ μιν εξερέανε τα μη θέμις ές ι γυμαϊκας
Ιδιώμαι ά δ' αὐτός σ' εθέλα συμφράδμονα θέθαι,
Συύθεο μών τάχα μύθω ἀμάβεο δ' δίψε στω αὐτῷ
Φραζομών, κ μηδεν ὑπίχεο, μηδε κέλδε

\* The Greek expresseth yet something more than this. it was then as fashionable to be much at home, busied in the Affairs of the Family; as it is now to be continually skipping about from Place to place, upon short visits: Tho' by the way, it is a great Instance of the Love, Ladies have for Fashions; that they could comply with a Custom so disagreeable to things of a volatile impatient Nature. The Husbands found their Account in it; they persuaded their Wives, that it was a piece of Modesty: and in compliment to them painted, over their Doors, VENUS fitting upon a Snail, an emblem of the Inseparability between the House and the Mistrels of the House. The Greeks and Romans set themselves to invent Names for married Women, which in English would found something like House-keeper. NAY, to gad abroad was so odious in some Places, that a Goer forth, the Daughter of a Goer forth, fignified in the Language of the Chaldees, the same as an Harlot, the Daughter of an Harlst.

Seek not to alter Schemes you cannot mend, Nor promise ought to fail him in the End.

SHE, who would shew her Prudence and her Truth,

Desires but one, the Husband of her Youth:
No Man of Taste, or Elegance will wed
The widow'd Partner of another's Bed.
If Fate confine you to an Head-strong Fool;
The way to mend him is to let him rule:
Bear with the Evil, which you can't redress;
And by your Silence make his Follies less:
To Friend, or Parent, never once impart
The Overslowings of a Wife's sad Heart.

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Σῆ ρέζων ίστητι το β τέλ εξίν ἀφαυρόν:
Κερίδι πινυτῆ πόσις ἄρκι ε δέ τ ἀκείνω
Δούτερ αθρήσει λεχέων ἐπογυμνωθεῖσαν.
Πρῶτα μθρὰ ἀφραίνοντ αὐαχεο, κ β ἀνάγκη.
Πολλάκι πε κ νέσε ἀνάχεο, κηδομθή περ
Ίχεο δ' ἀν σέρνοις τὰ σὰ κήδεα, μηδ' ἀγόρου ε
Πὰσιν όσα πρήρσει, μηδ ἕννεπε πάντα τοκεύσι.

To

To tell his Madness will increase the Storm:
'Tis Love must sooth, and Secrecy reform:
From threats and Menaces will Passion rise,
Smooth are the Words, which make the Foolish wise.

Ir by ill Company he's led aftray,
Retire and give their Noise and Riot way:
Far from the lawless Bacchanals remain,
'Till Solitude has sober'd him again.
Then some suspicion, when apart, suggest,
And teach your Husband to distrust the rest;
Employ all Agents (if you would succeed)
Or hate, or cold indifference to breed.

Μένη δ' ἀφεαδέουτα πινυοσέμθυ, ἀλλὰ κατ' αισαν:
Και πινυτον δεδάηκ' έρε Γιζεμεν ἀνέρα λώβη.
Πολλάκι δ' ήπι Θ ἀνδρα κὰ ἄφρονα μῦθ Θ ἐθέλξεν.
'Ει δ' όλοοῖς ἐτάροισιν ἐφεσπόμεν Θ κακὸς εἴη,
Μὴ σῦ μθρ ἀντιδίθω κείνε, τέκ Θ εἰς ἔρλν ἔλθης,
'Αλλ' ἐτάρες ὅτρωε με α΄ σφισι νείκεα βάλλειν.

Do this; — the lewd Affociation ends,

One Friendship marr'd him, — but the second mends.

A Youth perhaps he fell into the first,

Not out of Choice; —— for who wou'd chuse the worst?

Mean while on each Occasion wisely find

Some proper Blandishment to sooth his Mind.

Still make your little ones the Joy of Life,

And be as fond a Mother, as a Wife.

Those Marks of Tenderness, your Children share,

Are shewn to him whose Progeny they are:

And few the Men so blind, or brutish born,

But know their Friends, and Love for Love return.

Ρηϊδίη δ' όδος ήδε διακε ζίναι Φιλότητα
Λωγαλέλω, ετάροις ή Φίλον άγαθοῖσι γωέως,
Καὶ πινυτοῖς. τίς γάρ κεν εκών Φίλον ἄΦρονα θεῖτε;
Καὶ σὺ μθὸ ὡς Φίλον ἄνδρα ὰ ἀτρεκέως ἀγαπάζε·
Γνώτω δ' ἀμφαδίλω ὰ σὸς πόσις ὅτλί κε τέκνα
Έκ θυμε Φιλέης. ἐπεὶ ἔτί γε τοῖ ἐτύχθη,
Ου σέργειν Φιλότητα ὰ ἡθεα πισὰ δαῆναι.

The prudent Woman, who would wish to please,
Must ne'er forget such useful Rules as these.
Let no light Laughter Modesty disgrace,
Nor cloudy Sadness lour upon the Face.
In some Amusement let each Day be spent,
Nor worn with Care, nor Idly-indolent.
Your House and Servants with Discretion use,
Not too severe in Discipline, nor loose:
From easy Lenity Contempt may spring,
Those Subjects honour most, who dread their
King.

Cautious receive a Stranger's first advance,
With modest looks, and distant Complaisance:

Παρθενική σὺ δ΄ ἄκκε τά σε χεὴ πάντα Φυλάσσειν.
Μήτε Φιλομμειδης μάλα γίγνεο, μήτε κατηφής.
Μήτ' εσο πάμπαν ἀεργὸς, ἄλις δ' ἔχε ἢ πόνκ ἔργων.
Μήτε κακὴ δμώεσει τεοῖς ἔσο, μήτε μαλ ἐθλὴ
Φαίνεο: ῥηἱτεροι ἡς ἀει πκ πημα Φερονται.
ΘΑ' ΡΣΕΙ΄ δειδιότων μάλ ἐπικρατέκσιν ἄνακλες.
'Οθνείων Φιλότητας ἀναίνεο, πρίν κεν ἀπ' άλλων

Your

Your Air may change, when others recommend The unknown Person as a worthy Friend.

WITHIN your House no bancient Lady take, 'Tis strange to tell the mischies that they make: Some the lewd Itch of Pleasures past retain.

And tempt the Young to act them o'er again;

Fond in old Age to have their Talent shown

By Beds defil'd, and Families undone.

Nor e'er so near you as in Friendship place

That idle dang'rous Thing a Prate-apace.

Έιδείης ετύμως μελεδήματα κ νόον αὐτῶν. Μήτε γράύν ποτε σοῖσι κακὴν δέξαιο μελάθροις. ΠΟΛΛΩΝ γρῆες ἔπερσαν ἐὖκτιτα δώματα Φώτων. Μηδε μθὲ ἀκριτόμυθον εταιρίσσαιο γιωαϊκα.

b The Character of the old Women here mentioned, I believe, is scarce to be met with in England. They seem to have been such a Sett, as, the Duennas in Spain: Persons, who, under the notion of Governesses to young Women, often assist them in their Intrigues, start an Amour, and take the Direction of it upon themselves. I do not know whether there be any Ladies in Great-Britain, who, after a Youth of gay Living, have in their Old Age Leisure enough from their Cards, to imitate this sort of People.

Such

Such with their many Words much Ill impart, Corrupt the Ear, and steal into the Heart.

What Fondness Girls for Finery express?

Oh! 'tis a Torment not to talk of Dress—

Some the rich load of Golden Trappings wear

Or in a blaze of Precious Stones appear.

The wise will chuse a Decency of Dress,

Not more than suits their Quality, nor less:

Nor be like those, who all the Day would pass

To please their Pride, and idolize the Glass;

Curl, and uncurl a Favourite in the Hair,

Or quarrel with a Patch and fix it—There!

ΚΕΔΝΑ κακοι Φθείρεσι γυναικών ήθεα μύθοι.
Μή σύ ποτε χρυτῷ σθιμαίνεο, μήτ ἐπὶ δειρῆς
Πορφυρέω ὑάκινθον ἔχοις, ἢ χλωρον ἴασωιν,
Τοῖς ἐπὶ Φυσιόωσι δαλίΦρονες. ἀλλὰ σὺ κόσμε,
Παρθένε, τηϋσίε μὴ δείεο, μηδε κατόπρος
Χειρὶ διακρίνεσα τεω αὐγάζεο μορφω.
Μηδε κόμης περίαλλα πολυοχεδεας πλέκε σειράς.

The Greek is literally thus: Do not admire your Beauty in the Glass separating (he means the Hair) with your Hand, nor weave it too curiously in Braidings, nor black your Eyes under the Eye lids. As these Customs are some of them out of use amongst us,

Let no false Colours on your Cheeks be spread,
Or faint Cosmeticks soil the native Red:
Nature is ever to the Fair a Friend,
Nor leaves her Workmanship for them to mend.
A H! think, unwary Nymph, how ill you please
A wise Man's Judgment by such Arts as these:
Who sees you still at each return of Day
Strive to reform your Tenement of Clay,

Μηδε μελαινε τεοίσιν ύπο βλεφάροισιν όπωπάς. Ου β θηλυτέραις δεμας ώπασεν ήμιτέλες ον Μορφήν, όφρα κ άλλα περλ χροί τεχνήσαιντο. Πῶς δ' αν, κκρα, διώαιο δαήμονι φῶτι φανήναι, Θνητὸν ἐφημερίη κομιδή χρόα ποικίλλεσα;

I have made bold with such as are correspondent to them The Custom of blacking the lower Eye-lids (which answers to that of the French Lad es colouring their Cheeks) was very much in use among the Eastern Nations, as hath been observed by Dr. Hutchinson in his notes upon Xenophon: The same is meant of Jezebel, 2 Kings, ix. 30. What our Translators render, She Painted her Face is by the Septuagint rendred more agreeably to the Original, She Coloured her Eyes with Black-Lead.

The word (Sianeivera) Separating is, in a Passage of Plutarch, cited in the above mention'd Notes, expressly applied to the Hair. (naixing Sianeire.) This Custom is in some Measure preserved by the Curls, the Ladies wear upon their Foreheads, which (if I mistake not) are called Favourites.

And laughs to meet the light Fantastick Dame In various shapes, another and the same.

> Έξ ετέρης ετέρω σε κ άλλω άλλοτε λουσω, Φαινομβίω πολλησι μίαν μορΦησι γωαϊκα.

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VAn sees one this as each return of Day

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# The King's Majesty, and the Court,

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## MARRIAGE

Of her ROYAL HIGHNESS

The Princess of ORANGE,

And intended for the Oxford Collection of Verses printed on that Occasion.

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Marriage of the Princess of ORANGE.

WHEN Justice, and when Prudence guard the Throne,

When all the KINGLY Virtues meet in one;

When Mercy tells from whence their Pow'r is giv'n,

And Monarchs rule like Delegates of Heav'n:

Then

Then their loud Praises happy Subjects bring,
And own a Father, him they hail a King;
Then each will strive his Gratitude to prove,
Each give some Pledge, and Token of his Love.
The Merchant brings the Treasures of the Main,
His Fruits the Husbandman, his Lamb the Swain,
And pleas'd their Tribute at his Feet to lay,
They kiss the Scepter and with Joy obey.

We too (to whom thy Favour has confign'd Far other Arts, the Labours of the Mind)

To thee our Athens her best Gifts affords,
Her warmest Sentiments, her choicest Words.

Let Cæsar deign our Off'ring to receive,

To thee, dread Sov'reign, what we have, we give.

To thee our Youth begin the Song of Praise,
And all our Muses all their Voices raise.

Tho' fond the Thought, thy Glory to augment,
Virtue like thine is with itself content,

Above

Above Encomiums to set it forth;

It shines most persect in it's native Worth.

This one plain Truth exceeds the highest Strain,

Here George and Justice, Wisdom, Mercy reign.

O Fred'rick, when thy Sire refigns his Throne,
May these his Arts of Empire be thy own,
May'st thou, like him, contending Nations hear,
Judge the World's cause, and order Peace, or War.
Already Britain views thy gen'rous Mind,
Thy Pity to the Woes of human kind.
Who sit in Misery thy Goodness feel,
The sighing wretched of thy Bounty tell:
'Tis the same Spirit, that is good, and brave,
Who helps a Subject will a Kingdom save.

AND thou, bright Nymph, whom Fred'rick's Fates approve

For Partner of his Empire and his Love;

When

When Time on Thee shall fix th' Imperial Crown, And these great Kingdoms thy Protection own; When a Young Troop of suture Kings demand Thy watchful Eye, and educating Hand, Remember her Example, who so late Made Kingdoms happy, and their Princes great. Her Conduct sage review, and yet review, And let all Caroline revive in you.

THRICE happy Queen, in equal Wedlock join'd,
The chief of Man, and chief of Womankind.
Heav'n fought thee, Caroline, the good, the great,
The Wife, the Parent, and the Queen compleat,
Heav'n fought thee, Caroline, and bid thy Love
A common Good, the World's great Bleffing,
prove:

Bid from thy sweet Embrace bright Anna rise, Bid Orange come and snatch the Lovely Prize.

Orange!

Orange! a Name with Joy remember'd \* here. For ever honour'd, and for ever dear. As wife and good may fome brave Prince be led A blooming Confort to Amelia's Bed: And fuch (when best disposing Heav'n shall give) May all Britannia's Princesses receive, O had kind Fate but shewn them to my View. My ending Song should here break forth anew: And pleas'd, thro' all the Royal Line I'd trace, Th' Illustrious Authors of the noble Race. The Marks of Majesty—the winning Air— And Mother's Wisdom in the Daughters fair. The martial Genius of the younger Son, Fond of the Lawrels, which his Sire has won; And prompt, like him, his Bosom to oppose, To Foes of Liberty, and Britain's Foes.

Nor you, great Statesmen, would the Friendly
Muse

The useful Tribute of her Heart refuse;

<sup>\*</sup> The Prince Stadtholder did the University of Oxford the Honour of a Visit, and received from them a Doctor of Laws Degree.

C 2 There

There is a Pow'r, whose universal Sway,
Star above Star unnumber'd Worlds obey,
Whose Hands direct the wand'ring Globe aright,
Now give it Darkness, and now give it Light,
Who sees what Projects distant Realms devise,
And oft confounds the Wisdom of the Wise;
Or (where their Labours to his Glory tend)
Leads remote Counsels to their destin'd End;
By him direct your Aims; his Will your guide
No Force can shake you, and no Strife divide,



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IVA, si Nostri Tibi Cura restet,
Si Tuum tangant Animum peractæ
Res adhuc vitæ; miseros Tuorum
Respice Luctus.

Inde Te quanti facerent Britanni, Quam colunt vera Pietate cernas; Publicum nuper Decus, occidisti Publica Cura.

C 4

Cæfarem

Cæsarem cujus tremuêre Nomen
Barbaræ Gentes, Lacrymæ obruerunt
Cæsarem, hoc uno licuit videre
Vulnere victum.

Ut queas Molem hanc, Frederice Princeps,
Sustinere? Eheu! Minor ille Natu
Ut ferat Lucem genetricis Almæ
Fata revolvens?

Læte, Vos, quondam Chorus, O Puellæ Regiæ, quantos Gemitus cietis, Quis Deus ludos hilaremque vitam Turbat iniquus?

Cum Tuum Funus, Carolina, Conjux Urgeat Fletu, Domus omnis urget; Civis ah, facræ Lacrymam fidelem Admisceat Urnæ! של מות מלכה מבה כארולינא שיר עברי בדרך להנמון

מה זאת אשר שמעתי צעקה מרד מאד מדוע תשב בוכירת על נהרורת תמישיש בתולדה בת בריתני? אוי מתה אם העמים מורת מתה כארוליני? מי יהיה אחרית לנחמרת מלכנו או ישוערת מלכויות

Είς την της Βασιλίωτης τελευτήν.

Ολωλε Φευ άναοσα

Ιμεςτάτη γυναικών

Γαμέτης μεν, ώςε τρήςων

Η ίζάνει έπ' όζοις,

Μόνος χέει όδυρμόν.

Αυτε δε δι νεοωτοι

Μητρος ποθη ἀπέσης

Μινυρην ιεισι Φωνήν.

Λευκοπίερα δε μήτης

Ερασμίη ωέλεια

Τὰ έρανε Φρονεσα

Φύγε μακρον έις Ολυμπον.

The Greek Verses, which are written in Imitation of Anacreon, have been thus translated into English.

IN our gentle QUEEN are lost
All the Charms, that Women boast.
Like the Turtle on the Boughs
Mourns her solitary Spouse:
And her drooping pining Young,
Finding her away so long,
In a sadly-plaintive Strain,
Still demand her back again.
But the Mother took her Flight,
Spotless Dove of Silver-white;
Upward still and tow'ring high,
To the Regions of the Sky.





THE

# KITTEN, AFABLE.

Wanton Kitten highly bred
Fondled and delicately fed,
Was on her Game fo fully fet,
She jump'd on ev'ry Thing she met:
Would play her Tricks before you thought,
Spit in your Face—\* and tear your Coat.

WHEN

<sup>\*</sup> She did so by the Author.— The Proprietor of the Kitten had it in his Power, not long since, to have given him a full Suit in Return; but while he foolishly stood expecting, another Fellow ran away with the Cloaths.

WHEN Time for other Sports was come,
Madam full foon elop'd from Home,
Follow'd her Mate the Lord knows where,
And was not heard of far and near:
Till being foundly claw'd and bitten,
Kitten at length produc'd a Kitten.

You'n smile to see the Change it wrought,

Her countenance seem'd full of Thought,

She whin'd, she purr'd—She lay'd along,

And roll'd in Fondness o'er her young.

Which grew apace, and partly rear'd,

To save her Trouble, disappear'd.

THE Want of Care produces Riot,
Madam could not remain at Quiet,
The Nursery remov'd away,
She fell prepost'rously to play,

A Mo-

A Mother's Gravity forgot, And frisk'd, and gambol'd, and what not. By chance across her way there came Grimalkin, purblind, grave, and lame, An ancient Cat, that all the Day Would wink and doze her Time away. Kitten must needs exchange a Cuff, But met a terrible Rebuff: Grimalkin, with a favage Roar, Tumbled poor Kitten o'er and o'er, And spit and bit, and in the Stir Stript her half naked of her Fur. Kitten escaping, tho' too late, Endeavour'd to expostulate: Methinks faid she 'tis very hard-Good Humour should have this Reward-I meant a little Play—your Sense Might bear with my Impertinence; For this to treat one with fuch Rigour, And tear one thus - Lord, what a Figure?

Grimalkin

Grimalkin answer'd to all that, Kitten, 'tis Time you grew a Cat.

### MORAL.

WHEN a Young Lady's made a Wife,
Her Station claims a Change in Life;
The Liberties of younger Years,
Will not confift with Houshold Cares,
Those who will take them, in the Event
May find Occasion to repent;
According who they are beset with,
They may come off, or may be met with.



THE

# Formation of WOMAN,

### A F A B L E.

Written (above twenty Years fince) for a Friend to a Young Lady, who, though not personally known to him, took upon her to answer a Letter of his to a Relation. In her Answer, amongst other Raillery, there was this Sentence: "I suppose you made "use of your Learning to pose a filly Woman, "who can be even with you, in her turn, and call you a mere Pedant."

N Days of Yore, as Poets tell, An oddish Accident befel:

Fove

### 32 THE FORMATION OF WOMAN,

Jove with a formal Proclamation Alarm'd the Gods of every Station;

- " That having weigh'd it at his Leifure
- " It was Highness' Will and Pleasure.
- " As Gods above, so Men below,
- " Should Female conversation know.
- " That Vulcan should the Wonder frame,
- "Which we poor mortals Woman Name."

Delays of Things may change their Course,

The Act was straightway put in Force;

All hie them to the Place appointed,

Where Vulcan soon a Baby jointed.

But no Appearance of a Wife in't,

The God had only just put Life in't.

WHEN Venus, starting from her Car,

I need not tell you she was there,

Clasp'd pretty Missy in her Arms,

And by her Touch imparts her Charms.

The

### THE FORMATION OF WOMAN. 33

The Airs of boarding-Schools inspires,
And all that Beaus, and Foplings fires;
The Ogle, Lisp, and Furl of Fan,
To pose the filly Creature Man.

Thus had she Airs, but seem'd to want Age,
To use them to the best Advantage;
When Juno, stately Dame, drew near,
Kiss'd her and taught her to be queer;
An Air of Stiffness strait is seen,
The distant Frown, and bridled Chin.

This Pallas saw, and laughing said,
'Tis mine to make th' Accomplish'd Maid.
The Charms my Sisters here bestow
May serve to captivate a Beau,
Lads, that are given to their Book,
Will each poor Artifice o'erlook:
Call the light giddy Creature Fool,
And turn her Airs to ridicule:
But lest the Book Worms grow too val'ant,
I'll give the Gipsy such a Talent:

### 34 THEFORMATION OF WOMAN.

A Wit so nicely form'd to teaze,

And by a sweet Perverseness please:

That, where her wily Charms shall fail

To get an Husband, let her rail.

THE Poet's fancied legend you

Demonstrate plainly to be true.

Tho' yet your Beauty is unknown,

A more prevailing Charm I own,

A Charm on which the FABLE hit,

As most alluring — Female Wit.

Hath made—In short the Truth be said on't,

A Lover, whom you call'd a Pedant.

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THE

# CONCERT,

A /S A T I R E.

Occasioned by an Uproar, which happen'd in Christ Church-Hall in Oxford during the Time of the Mufick-Meeting March, 22, 1728-9.

BEHOLD the Pow'r of long-revolving Years:
How chang'd from Christ-Church Christ-Church
felf appears!

D a

Here

Here on the Spot, where \* Aldrich kept the Field; Where Locke compel'd unwilling Fell to yield; And all the jarring Disputants were found:

The soft Flute warbles, and the Viols sound.

Hail happy Place the Muse's fam'd Retreat!

Nor less the Grace's than the Muse's Seat:

Witness the Nymphs, which to thy Hall repair,

Such Love for Men or Musick have the Fair.

Reluctant Muse, what Secret Cause invites,

The grave Divine to join in Cupid's Rites?

What B C mov'd unnat'ral Arms to bear,

And spurn the Gown he once was proud to wear?

Religion's Sons of whose all-Heav'nly Days,
Pray'r was the Bus'ness, and the Pleasure Praise;
Who all the Lent on slender Diet sed,
Nor drank Rack-Punch, nor e'er went late to Bed;

<sup>\*</sup> Three famous Logicians.

Had long enjoy'd an Holy calm Repose, Till late conven'd a restless Doubt arose.

- " In vain we boaft, Religious (A B) cry'd,
- " Our Christian Strength the Tempter's Force untry'd,
- " What Charms of Beauty, what Allurements come
- " Within the Convent's folitary Gloom?
- Attempt the daring Enterprize I show,
- "And each his Weakness or his Strength shall know.
- " Let needy \* Wareing from each Post and Wall
- " His brainless Patrons to a Concert call;
- " There the Vain World in all it's Pomp appears,
- " And ev'ry Object some Delusion wears."
- "There moving Sounds with Beauty's Charms confpire,

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To

<sup>\*</sup> Wareing a Musician, was a Person of great skill in his Profession, but it was his Missortune to live and die very poor. The Method of advertising a Concert of Musick at Oxford, is by sticking up Papers at every Post and Corner.

- " To lull th' unguarded Soul, and wake defire;
- " There by the Candle's Eye-deceiving Light,
- " The Painted Sinners feem divinely bright.
- " Sure in their Thoughts each Gazer to enflave,
- "They roll their luftful Eyes, and naked Bosoms heave.
- "But be each Phryne's\* vanity subdu'd,
- " Their Ogles pointless, and their Smiles withstood,
- " And you yourselves most lifeless Logs of Wood."

PROVOK'D by this each Saint forfook his Cell,
Nor other Cause the Muse vouchsafes to tell.

But (B C's) Breast far other Thoughts employ,
Far other Raptures of unholy Joy.
With careful (E) no longer he'll dispense,
E'en Charms enjoy'd will pall upon the Sense:

Surely,

<sup>\*</sup> This alludes to the Story of Phryné the famous Athenian Courtizan, and a Philosopher at Athens, who withstanding all her Temptations, she pronounced him to be a Log, and not a Man.

Surely, faid he, where all Things favour Love, This ruddy Cheek or sparkling Eye may move. But Love unlook'd for Aid his Vot'ries brings, With sudden Roar behold the Lobby rings. The fidling Pimp, who beg'd Admission late, With Foppish Pertness now, commands the Gate. The powder'd Beggar gen'rous \* JACKS disdain, Collect their Strength and wonted Entrance gain. This happy Moment joyful (BC) knew, Might fet his Worth conspicuous to the View. With Bromestick brandish'd o'er his Holy Head, A formidable Troop of + Pro's he led, What Eyes O! (B C) then on thee were turn'd! What Lovely Bosoms for thy Safety burn'd! The Jacks aftonish'd shun the conqu'ring Sight, Crowds roll down crowds precipitant in Flight;

+ Pro's a Common Name for the Pro-proctors, a terrible fort of People,

<sup>\*</sup> A Nick-Name among the Vulgar for an Order of Young Men in the University generally called Servitors.

Thus when at Sea two whirling Winds oppose,
And East and West in wild Tornados close.
Confus'dly driv'n the troubled Waters rise,
Waves mount o'er Waves, and foaming dash the
Skies.

Yet midst their Rage if Neptune list his Head, Aw'd by the God the mighty Tumult's laid. The Clouds disperse and leave a Void serene, Without a Spot the whole Horizon's seen,

### ANACREON; Ode XVI.

SINCE Poets nought but Wars rehearse;
War be the Subject of my Verse;
Not those which Thebes in Ruins laid,
Or Phrygia strew'd with Heaps of Dead.

XVI.

Eis Eavlov.

Σύ μεν λέγεις τὰ Θήζης,

Anacreon a famous Greek Poet was born about the Second Year of the 55th Olympiad at Teos a City of Ionia, whither the Athenians had fent a Colony. He was descended of one of the noblest Families at Athens. He lived in great Honour in the Court of Palycrates, the Tyrant or King of Samos, at that Time a Powerful Prince by Sea, and was of fignal Service to him in matters of Government. His Verses were of the Lyrick kind, or such as were sung to the The Measure he used was very musical, and is called from him Anacreontic; there is a vast Simplicity and Ease in his Words and Thoughts, but he dwells too much upon some Subjects, which are apt to make People think him a Man more addicted to Vice and Pleasure than some allow he was. He appears by his Medals, to have been a Person of chearful Countenance, but with a decent Mixture of Gravity. His End affords us a Melancholy Reflection upon the Frailty of human Life. For the Vine, he fo much admires, and praifes in his Verses, produced with the Liquor he loved, the Grape Stone, which, tho' a Thing fo feemingly incapable of doing Violence, was to him the Cause of a sudden Death.

Far dearer Woes to me belong,
My own Destruction is my Song.
Nor Fleets with Death and Terrors fraught,
Nor Horse, nor Foot my Ruin wrought,
But a New Army from the Eye,
Gave me the Wounds, by which I die.

Έγω δ' έμας αλώσεις. Ούχ ϊππος ωλεσέν με, Ού πεζος, έχι νῆες Στρατός δε καινός άλλος, 'Απ' όμματων βαλών με.

## ANACREON, Ode XXI.

Give me — but where is such a Shade?

OOD Women, fill me out a Bowl,
Enough to quench a Thirsty Soul,
Drunk up by Heat, and parch'd to Death,
This Weather makes one pant for Breath!
Give me fresh Garlands, if you please,
For my hot Brow has wither'd these.
Give me — but where is such a Shade?
Thick and impenetrable made,

XXI.

Eis Eavlov.

Δότε μοι, δότ, ὧ γυνᾶικες,
Βρομίε σειών ἀμυςί.
'Υπο καύμαζος γὰς ήδη
Προποθείς ἀνας ενάζω.
Δότε δ' ἀνθέων ἐκείνων'
Στεφάνες, οἵες συκάζω,
Τὰ μέτωπά με πικαίε.

And

And cool enough, a Fence to prove Against the Scorching Heat of Love.

> Το δε καῦμα τῶν Ἐρώτων, Κραδίη, τίνι σκεπάωτω;



AN

# IMITATION,

OF

### HORACE, Book IV. Ode V.

Humbly inscribed to his Royal Highness the DUKE of CUMBERLAND upon his defeat of the REBEL ARMY in Scotland.

BY Heaven's decree for Britain's safety born,
Young, gen'rous GUARDIAN of the Church
and State,

Victorious to our wishes, now return; Return, and make our Happiness compleat.

DIVIS orte bonis, optime Romulæ Custos gentis, abes jam nimium diu: Maturum reditum pollicitus patrum Sancto concilio, redi. You broke the Clouds, that gather'd o'er our Heads,
As Spring dispels the Winter of the Year;
Your presence universal Gladness spreads,
And gives the Day to please, the Sun to chear.

As the fond Mother for her darling Son,

Whose vent'rous Youth hath driven him to Sea,

If chance a Year, or so, he hath been gone,

Or to Cape Breton, or to Coast and Bay:

Lucem redde tuæ, dux bone, patriæ:
Instar veris enim vultus ubi tuus
Affulsit populo, gratior it dies,
Et soles meliùs nitent.

Ut mater juvenem, quem Notus invido
Flatu Carpathii trans maris æquora
Cunctantem spatio longius annuo
Dulci distinet à domo,

Can never rest, and ceases ne'er to pray,

With Eyes still fixt upon the winding Strand,

And hopes, and fears, — yet thinks he'll come that

Way——

Such, William, is the Fondness of this Land.—

Fondness you well deserve—for now the Steer
Wanders secure about the Farmer's Ground,
Who reckons on the Harvest of the Year,
Nor sears the Hostile Ships to Scotland bound,

Votis, ominibusque & precibus vocat,

Curvo nec faciem littore dimovet:

Sic desideriis icta sidelibus

Quærit patria Cæsarem,

Tutus bos etenim rura perambulat:

Nutrit rura Ceres, almaque Faustitas:

Pacatum volitant per mare navitæ:

Culpari metuit sides.

Now shall good Faith, and CREDIT rear her Head;
For all the Blessings Providence hath given,
An universal Reformation spread:
And English Reprobates look up to Heaven.

What tho' upon the neighb'ring Continent,

France pour her num'rous Armies once again,
Who is there now that's fearful for th' Event,

Or thinks at all about the War with Spain?

Nullis polluitur casta domus stupris:

Mos, & lex maculosum edomuit nesas:

Laudantur simili prole puerperæ:

Culpam pæna premit comes.

Quis Parthum paveat? Quis gelidum Scythen?

Quis Germania quos horrida parturit

Fœtus, incolumi Cæfare? Quis feræ

Bellum curet Iberiæ?

Each Man in Peace possessing Hill or Dale,

Now forms his Arbor, and now prunes his Trees,

At Dinner of the Rebels tells his Tale,

And thanks DUKE WILLIAM with an Heart at ease.

Then cries God bless bim! and his Bumper crown'd To King, and Prince, and Duke, he sends about: So the brown Bowls, our Fathers drank, went round, When Edward, and when Harry marched out.

Condit quisque diem collibus in suis, Et vitem viduas ducit ad arbores. Hinc ad vina redit lætus, & alteris Te mensis adhibet Deum.

Te multâ prece, te prosequitur mero
Desuso pateris; & Laribus tuum
Miscet numen, uti Græcia Castoris
Et magni memor Herculis.

Go on, BRAVE DUKE, new Triumphs to procure,
Great as from \* Creffy and from + Agincour,
So prays thro' Britain ev'ry Honest Fellow,
At Morn when fober, and at Night when mellow.
Oxford, April 28, 1746.

Longas ô utinam, Dux bone, ferias Præstes Hesperiæ, dicimus integro Sicci mane die: dicimus uvidi, Cùm Sol Oceano subest.

<sup>\*</sup> Creffy is famous for a Victory obtained over the French by Edward the Black Prince.

<sup>+</sup> Agincourt, for another obtained by Henry V.

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AN

# IMITATION,

OF

### HORACE, Book III. Ode VI.

Written about the Time that Sir John Norris lay Wind-bound at Spithead before the Overthrow at Carthagena.

T.

BOLD English Hearts, our Sons to come,
How hard, how heavy is your Doom?
All your Forefathers Crimes to bear!
Till you the mould'ring Fanes shall rear,
And Temples black with Smoke repair.

DELICTA majorum immeritus lues,
Romane, donec templa refeceris,
Ædesque labentes Deorum, &
Fæda nigro simulacra sumo,

### II.

O! print this Maxim on your Soul;
That 'tis Religion makes you rule,
Till finful Britain shall relent;
Heav'n hath it's complicated Vengeance sent
In War, and Poverty, and Discontent.

### III.

What shame to say from France and Spain

Three Fleets have cross'd the rugged Main:

While Winds or Fate or Folly stopt our Course;

And St. Sebastian's braves the British Force.

Diis te minorem quod geris, imperas.

Hinc omne principium, huc refer exitum.

Dii multa neglecti dederunt

Hesperiæ mala luctuosæ.

Jam bis Monæses, & Pacori manus
Non auspicatos contudit impetus
Nostros, & adjecisse prædam
Torquibus exiguis renidet.

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IV.

The City into various Factions rent

Hath on it's felf it's idle Fury spent:

While on our Beach the Spanish Pirate moors;

And France destroys by Tricks and Overtures.

V.

The Age alas! abounds with Crimes:
Adulteries first stain'd the Times;
From which polluted Fountain flow
Wide spreading Streams of far—infecting Woe
On Peers, on Commoners, on high and low.

Pænè occupatam seditionibus

Delevit urbem Dacus & Æthiops;

Hic classe formidatus, ille

Missilibus melior sagittis.

Fœcunda culpæ fæcula, nuptias

Primum inquinavere, & genus, & domus,

Hoc fonte derivata clades

In patriam populumque fluxit.

### VI.

Our Daughters taught from infancy to fin With their French breeding suck the Poison in, See the lewd Flirt her wanton Step advance, Caught with the Motion of some smutty Dance,

#### VII.

View her mature upon the Stage of Life,
And from the Boarding School commenc'd a Wife;
In her first Frolicks she conceals her Spark,
Waits till her Husband's drunk, or for the Dark,

Motus doceri gaudet Ionicos

Matura virgo, & fingitur artubus

Jam nunc, & incestos amores

De tenero meditatur ungui.

Mox juniores quærit adulteros
Inter mariti vina: neque eligit
Cui donet impermissa raptim
Gaudia, luminibus remotis.

#### VIII.

But after, tip the Wink, she'll rise,
And Act the Crime before his Eyes.

Whilst he poor Cully seems to snore,
A Spaniard or Exciseman raps the Door;
A Spaniard, Briton, makes thy Child a Whore,
And purchases thy Shame with Money once thy
Store.

#### IX.

You cannot think the gen'rous Brood, Who dy'd the Seas with Hostile Blood,

Sed justa coram non sine conscio Surgit marito, seu vocat institor, Seu navis Hispanæ magister, Dedecorum pretiosus emptor.

Non his juventus orta parentibus Infecit æquor fanguine Punico;

The

The Spanish and \* Sicilian Seas,

E'er sprung from Parents such as these:

Or those, who in Eliza's Reign;

Hid the Armada in the Main.

X.

Those were another Race of Men,
We scarce may see their like agen;
Not petit Maîtres, tender Creatures,
Proud like the Girls of pretty Features:
But sturdy, honest, and downright,
Who work'd all Day, and slept all Night.

Pyrrhumque, & ingentem cecîdit

Antiochum, Hannibalemque dirum:

Sed rusticorum mascula militum Proles, Sabellis docta ligonibus Versare glebas, & severæ Matris ad arbitrium recisos

<sup>\*</sup> The Author refers to the famous Expedition to Sicily under the Conduct of Admiral Byng.

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XI.

The English Mother then a Dame,
Saw that her Children went and came;
Not from the Dancing School as now,
But to cleave Wood and drive the Plough,
Nor told her Boys their Work was done,
Till they beheld the setting Sun,
When they dismiss'd the weary Beast,
Then supp'd themselves and went to Rest.

XII.

Thus ev'ry Age and every Clime, Must feel the Injuries of Time;

Portare fustes; Sol ubi montium

Mutaret umbras, & juga demeret

Bobus fatigatis, amicum

Tempus agens, abeunte curru.

Damnosa quid non imminuit dies?
Ætas parentum pejor avis tulit

Our Fathers from their Sires declin'd And left an half-strain Breed behind, The Generation next will be Worse, if 'tis possible, than we,

Nos nequiores, mox daturos Progeniem vitiosiorem.



# STIGAND:

OR, THE

# ANTIGALLICAN.

A

POEM,

IN

MILTONIC VERSE.

Vincet amor patriæ. VIRGIL Lib. vi.

Right Hon. the Lord CARPENTER,
GRAND PRESIDENT:

THE RIGHT HON.

The Countess of MIDDLESEX;

The Right Hon. Lady CARPENTER, HONORARY SISTERS;

STEPHEN THEODORE JANSSEN Esq.
Alderman and Member of Parliament for the City
of London Late GRAND PRESIDENT;

WIILLIAM BELCHIER Efq.

Member of Parliament for the Borough of Southwark, And President of the Borough Association of Antigallicans:

THIS

POEM,

In Praise of that Landable Institution,

Is Humbly and Affectionately

Inscribed by a Brother,

Newington Butts, November 5, 1750.

The Author.

day r je te high Mon Pour mold Afgin GRAND PARSINGNES MOHTHOLD THE The Countrie of Mirrorsenk; The Kentlion, Lady Campanyras TINE THE LABOR OF THE VAL No. 1 the Art, in sail a figure a financia. 



# STIGAND;

OR, THE

## ANTIGALLICAN.

UNTINSEL'D be this Verse, nor tagg'd with Rhime,

Which trims the very Comedies of France.

In English Numbers free, and unconfin'd,

Like those, which English MILTON erst admir'd,

Let me pour forth my Soul uncheck'd, and give,

Unbounded, my Affection to the Friends

Of English Liberty, those Noble Souls!

Who

Who wisely for our jarring Britons found The Name of UNION, Antigallican.

Foes to ourselves, too long to Faction Friends,
We had forgot the Name, which suits us all.
Thus Neighbours to a Land, which aims at Pow'r
With British Freedom incompatible.
Insidious still from ancient Times she views
With mischievous Intent this happy Isle,
Scatt'ring Dissension, and dividing those,
Whom Nature, Blood, or Birth-place have made
ONE:

Or watching some unguarded Place, or Time,
Makes a Descent unlook'd for, so to take
Her ablest, yet her most unthinking Foe.
Unhappy \* Harold, once an English King,
Renown'd in Arms, you selt these double Snares,

<sup>\*</sup> HAROLD, the second of that Name, and Thirty-eighth Monarch of English Men, Son of Earl Goodwin; a Person of excellent Parts, and approved Valour, say our Historians. He had just de-

When the intruding Norman reft your Crown,
Laid by the Chance of War untimely low,
And with it, for a Time, our Liberty.
Yet in our proftrate and divided State,
When vulgar Minds are prone to Servitude,
To fave from total Ruin and Revolt
There rose up one (in Form, perhaps, and Speech
And Resolution not unlike to him,
Who lately train'd the Sons of § Enfer-wick,

feated, totally, in the North of England, a great Army from Norway, and flain both their King and his Brother, who, according to Crantzius, were in a Plot with the Duke of Normandy, to favour his Descent. English Harold thinking, after this great Victory, that all Danger was over from Foreigners, had begun to disband his Army, when, hearing that the Normans were arrived in the South, he hasted, all weary and bloody, saith the Historian, (for that it seemeth to have been but seven Days after the aforesaid Battle) to encounter Duke William and the Normans from France, when meeting them near Hastings, in Sussex, his weary Troops were, after long fighting, by a Stratagem, put into Disorder, and himself shot by an Arrow in the Eye.

§ Eofer-wick, or Euor-wick, the ancient English Name of York. In the Time of the late Rebellion, his present GRACE of Canterbury filled that See, and was therein one principal Instrument of saving his Country, being the first Associator, and conducting, by his Pre-

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When

When their fleet Coursers bore them to the North Against the Foes of Britain, (both in Worth Alike, tho' yet in Time, more ancient One)

Stigand, the first of Antigallicans,
Begirt with Men of Kent and moving Woods,
Surrounds the Bastard-Duke; whose Fright but ill
Accorded with the Name of Conqueror,
A Title which the Traitor-English gave:
But Stigand other Terms and Titles us'd.
For now the venerable Sage approach'd
Before him (Emblem still of Liberty.)
High on his Banner leap'd the Kentish \* Horse.

fence, the Force and Counsels of the great, loyal, and opulent Province of Yorkshire; the Gentlemen whereof formed themselves into a gallant Body of Horse, under the Name of the Yorkshire-Hunters. His Grace, for his singular Love to his Country, is here compared with Stigand, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who saved the Men of Kent from the Usurpation and Oppressions, of the Duke of Normandy.

<sup>\*</sup> The Arms of Kent are the White-Horse salient in a red Field, which they had from Hengist, who first brought over the English from Lower Saxony, and erected the Kingdom of Kent about the Year 454.

- Stop, Frenchman, fince from Gallia's Shore you come,
- " That be your Title, said the mitred Chief;
- "You tread on English Ground, the Horse you see,
- " Here on our Banner, shews from whence we came
- " Hither with English HENGIST from the Elbe;
- " He fwam the Ocean, gain'd the British Shore
- "To graze the Meads of Thames, and drink his Flood,
- " And chace the Roman Eagle from these Plains:
- " He will have Liberty; if Peace you choose,
- " Accord, on equal Terms, with Him and His.
- " Our German Laws, and ancient Usages,
- " Our Gavel-Kind, to give as we see fit,
- " Our Independence, which to fignify,"
- " We'll don our Bonnets, when we fee your Face,
- "Are Terms, perhaps, on which we may be Friends:
- " But you as Victor we shall never own.

- " Full feven Kingdoms did our Ancestors
- " Erect in Britain, English-Saxon all:
- " \* KENT was the first, and, for the English
  Name,
- " It shall the last be conquered; think not then
- "Your + Norman Troop (tho' swell'd with Flandrian Aids)
- \* In the ancient English Wars, the Men of Kent had always the Honour of being in the Van, on Account of their being the first English Kingdom. It was so at the Fight of Hastings, or Battle-Field, the Middlesex Men and the Londoners were in the same Squadron, and were led on by King Harold and his Brother.
- † The Normans were too inconsiderable in Number ever to have effected a Conquest. The Body of William's Army were the Subjects of Baldwin, Earl of Flanders, and the Emperor, and of his principal Men the Normans made but sew. Among those in Doomsday Book, there is scarce a Name that is properly called French: And supposing the Catalogue at Battail-Abbey to be true, which (however says Camden) whosever considereth will find always to be forged, and those Names to be inserted; which the Time in every Age savoured, and were never mentioned in that notable Record; yet, I say, supposing it to be true, it contained in the Time of Verstegan the Names of no more than three or four hundred Gentlemen, of which, by Observation on their Surnames, he concludes scarce a quarter of them to be remaining in his Time.

- " Shall e'er prevail o'er us, to whom French Laws,
- " And your French Language are contemptible:
- " Give these the Traitor-English, who, nurs'd up
- " In the false \* Edward's rotten-hearted Court,
- " Have learn'd, like him, to fell their native Land;
- " And, with their own Hands, help to fix a Yoak
- "You never could have fix'd. For one brave
- " The Abbot + Fred'rick of St. Alban's stop'd
- " The full Career of this your boafted Hoft.
- " Dread, then, your Fate, if England should unite,
- " And all our valiant Brethren of the North

#### \* The Confessor.

† The Duke of Normandy wondering, and enraged at the Conduct of the Abbot, fent for him, under Assurance of safe Return, and demanding the Cause, why his Woods were so cut down, Frederick, who was nobly descended of the Saxons, as well as from Canute the Dane, answered, I have done the Duty both of my Birth and Profession, and if others of my Rank had done the like, as they well might, and ought, it had not been in thy Power to have pierced the Land thus far. Speed, p. 426.

- " Return and join us: For, thro' Hate of you,
- " They feek the very Lands ABBISSA erft,
- " And English Octa, conquered from the Piets,
- " Repeopling old Northumbria, lately call'd
- "The Scotist Lowlands, from the neighbouring Scots:
- "Whose \* King they make their own, and swell his Pow'r
- " Since Edgar Etheling he hath entertain'd,
- " And means to wed his Sifter. From that Clime
- \* The Body of the English Nation being enraged at the Capitulations in the South, and the Norman's Reception at Court, moved Northward, and settled in great Numbers among their Countrymen in the Lowlands of Scotland, which, being a Part of the old English Kingdom of Northumberland, had been much inhabited by the English, from the Time of the Expedition, which Otha and Abbysa, under the Direction of Hengist, had carried on against the Picts. (Concerning this, see the Author's Essay on the English Tongue, in the Dissertation on the Picts.) Malcolm Kenmaur, King of Scotland, gave the English the kindest Reception: According to Buchanan, he assigned them Lands, and, with a View of making this Kingdom for ever one, he espoused the Sister of Edgar Etheling; who, if he had been possessed the English King.

- "What Storms may rife to shake your feeble
- "Tho', without Wars, 'your Issue shall decay,
- " While theirs shall thrive and join Plantagenet. A
- " I fee \* Matilda go a beauteous Bride
- " For Saxon Princes, from whose Stem shall rise
- "One, from whose Arms our Horse shall ne'er de-

\* This alludes to his present Majesty's high Relation to the Crowns of England and Scotland, by the Plantagenets, independent

of the Marriage of his Ancestors, with the exiled Family.

The more ancient Pedigree runs thus; Matilda, or Maud the Good, was the eldest Daughter of Margaret of England, Queen of Scots, and her Husband Malcolm Kenmaur, King of Scotland. In their Children centred all the Rights of the Saxon Kings of England. From Maud the Good, came Maud the Empress, who was married to Geoffery Plantagenet Earl of Anjou, by whom she had Henry II. King of England, whose eldest Daughter, another Maud, was married to Henry the Lion, the famous Duke of Saxony, whose Son William of Winchester, was Progenitor of the Dukes of Brunswick, and bare for his Arms the Coat of England with the two Lions, as King Henry his Grandfather bare. This Princess died in the first Year of the Reign of her Brother K. Richard I. and was buried by her Husband the Duke of Saxony, in the Church of St. Blase, at Brunswick, in the Year 1199, that is 171 Years before the English Family of the Stewards had Alliance with the Crown of Scotland by Robert II. whose Bastard Son John was, by the Authority of Parliament of Scotland met at Scone, made his Successor, to the Difad-

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- " Tho' he admit, in the same Blazonry,
- " The Lions. In his Time the Maine shall view
- " This white Horse, curvet in a bloody Field,
- " And frighted \* Gallia fly at his Approach.
- " Our Laws shall then in native English be,
- " And the base Language, you would now obtrude,
- " Both in our Courts and Schools, to be the Sign
- " Of our Subjection, shall be so worn out
- " Ages \* before, as never to be heard,
- " Within our English Walls, but in the Mouths

vantage of his legitimate Children, by Style and Title of Robert the Third. Thus begins the Right of the Steward Family, so called from bearing the Office of Steward to the King of Scotland. So that one Family rose only from the Servants of the Kings of Scotland; the other from their Children, which Children were, likewise, the only Heirs by Succession to the Crown of England; and for the Right the sew Norman Kings had by the Sword, they gave it back to his Majestr's Ancestors by the Marriage of Henry I. with Maud the Good. From such an Origin came the Race of Plantagenets.

- \* The French retreated over the River Maine after the Defeat at Dettinguen.
- \* Edward the III. commanded, that French should be disused in the Courts of Justice and the Pleadings made in English.

- " Of Foreigners, or fuch whose Rank bespeaks
- " Want of ingenuous Freedom, fuch, perhaps,
- " As jabbering Governess, or powder'd Slave,
- " Who brings the English Gentleman his Shirt.
  - " For then, my Sons, my ANTIGALLICANS,
- " Remembering the Disgrace this Æra stamps
- " Upon the English Name, shall so resent
- " The Meanness of their Fathers, e'er to take
- " Pride to themselves, for being on your Part;
- "Borrowing † your Names, and aping your French
  Ways:
- " As to disclaim all Kindred with such Slaves;

† Mr. Camden says, that the English did not even use their own Names as Surnames, till about the Time of the Conquest, or else a little before, under King Edward the Confessor, who was all Frenchisted. And to this Time do the Scotish Men also refer the Antiquity of their Surnames. Camden's Remains, p. 136. It seemed, says Verstegan, almost a Reproach to be called an Englishman, insomuch that it made some of the light-conceited of the English to seek to better their Esteem, by imitating the Normans both in Language and Dress, which, among the graver Sort, bred the Proverb, "That" Jack would be a Gentleman, if he could speak French."

- And Commerce with French Ground: Their very
  Babes
- " Shall, from their Infancy, be taught to hate
- " French \* Trappings, as the Badge of Slavery,
- " And tear them, with their little Hands, away.
  - " But, before this, some hundred Years before,
- " The airy Castle, which your Hopes erect,
- " Shall tumble with your short-liv'd Progeny-
- "Three Kings fucceed, and then the Norman Pow'r
- " Must end, for ever, in the Saxon Line."

Rapt into future Times, while thus the Sage Pursu'd th' ungrateful Theme, the Bastard Duke Grew pale. In thick Array, the Men of Kent, Approach'd for Combat, to be free, or die:

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<sup>\*</sup> The Antigallicans disclaim the Use of all French Commodities, both on their own Part, and on the Part of their Families.

#### The Norman faw the Danger and rejoin'd.

- " Stigand, said he, and you brave Men of Kent,
- "You have your Will; I claim no Conquest here.
- "That I am come, thank \* Edward's Artifice;
- " He introduced our Language, and our Mode,
- " And made his Court all Frenchmen; by their Arts
- " He form'd our latent Interest, and lur'd
- " The foolish English to affect our Ways.
- "Blame me not, then, if where I find French
  Hearts
- " Throughout the Isle, I put French Fetters on:
- " But here I stop. For gleaming round I see
- " The Battle-Ax, and heavy + Saxon Sword .
  - \* The Confessor.

† The SEAX, which our Ancestors used in Battle, and from which the English, it is thought, were called SAXONS, was a Sword of a large Size. The Form of it is nearly retained in that, which is still in Use among the Hussars in Germany: It was somewhat crooked, and very heavy. In the Time of the seven English Kingdoms, East-Saxe, or the Kingdoms of East-Saxons, bore three of these Swords for their Coat of Arms.

- " Out drawn by Hands, quite Antigallican,
- " Useless, in such a Case, the Norman Bow,
- " And Norman Heart fo with the English match'd;
- " Therefore with Reason I retire, and leave,
- "Unhurt, for ever, as your glorious Name,
- "Your Lands, Poffessions, Liberties and Laws."

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#### UPON THE

### Extinction of the late REBELLION.

Gontaining a Word of Advice to the Vulgar English Jacobites, who are apt to look upon his Majesty's Family as Strangers, and think that their sole Alliance to the British Crown, was by the Marriage of the King of Bohemia with a Daughter of King James I.

HE Din of War is o'er—One blest Event
Hath clos'd the Winter of our Discontent.
Next Heav'n, to Thee, illustrious \* Prince, we owe
Peace from the Foreign and Domestic Foe;

\* The DUKE.

That France despairs of Monarchies to come, And beggar'd calls her ragged Armies home, That moody Faction and her Sons are still, And all may now live happy, if they will.

Britons, enjoy the Calm—your Follies past,
Repent, and let this Tumult be the last.
Ye poor unhappy few, since now you find
Yourselves deluded and your Leaders blind,
For unsound Politicks no longer seek
'Mongst the French Slaves, who scribble by the
Week;

But read some English History, and learn
What e'en your Children to your Shame discern:
How + Henry's Daughter match'd the Saxon Duke,
From whom his Origin our Monarch took,
If such your Error, that no Prince you'll love,
But who his high Antiquity can prove:

<sup>+</sup> Henry the II. that great English King in whose Time Ireland was first reduced and planted with English.

From

From England's Kings and Scotland's there you fee

Unfully'd come his glorious Ancestry, Kin to each \* British Crown before the War, Which Title gave to York or Lancaster. Before the Scotch & King's Steward had the Face, To fix a Crown upon his Bastard-Race; Or Richmond's I Earl in Craft descended down. To mix their doubtful Issue with his own. That the Scotch Saxons and their whole Domain. A Fief of England might revert again, (As from the Heptarchy was melted down, Each leffer Coronet to form the Crown;) In GEORGE we fee the Saxon Line restor'd, And happy England knows her English Lord; Scotland in him may Royal Malcolm trace His Line descending without Issue base.

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<sup>\*</sup> See the Note in the last Poem concerning the Race of Plantagenet.

§ Rob. II. 

† Henry, VII.

And Ireland rais'd by English \* Laws and Men, Rejoice to see Plantagenet again.

\* The Constitution of Ireland is entirely English, as are by Extraction the most considerable Part of its Inhabitants, and most, if not all, the Nobility.



EXTRACT from the General Advertiser of Friday February 7. 1745-6.

To the AUTHOR of the General Advertiser.

SIR,

The following Copy of Verses was sent to a Lady, with a loyal Sermon preached before the University of Oxford, on the 5th of November, by the Rev. Dr. Free. They are written with so much Zeal for the Government, and the Cause of Liberty, that I hope they will afford some Entertainment to your Readers.

WHILE for his Country's Weal your \* gallant Lord

Mounts the fierce Steed, and draws his glitt'ring Sword;

\* This noble EARL, during the Rebellian, raised a Regiment for his Majesty's Service.

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If, at a lonely Hour, your pensive Eye
Glance thoughtful round, and see this Treatise
lie,

Deign to peruse what English Sages write

In the same Cause that English Heroes sight.—

—The Cause of Liberty!—as Ages since

She blest alike the Peasant and the Prince:

Ere Tyrants rag'd, or Factions took her Name

To cover Fraud, or sanctify their Shame:

Ere Superstition crampt the human Mind

In Racks or Chains, and led our Reason blind.

O glorious Times! O blest Simplicity!

How Manners still and Principles agree!

When the great \* Patriarch, with a Father's Hand,

To warlike Feats his willing Subjects train'd,

Their Cause was Liberty:—Their Kin distress'd,

They crush'd the growing Tyrant of the East.

<sup>\*</sup> Abram, see his History, Gen. xiv. from Ver. 14. to the End.

With Joy the Neighbour-Kings beheld his Fall;
The Cause of Freedom was the Cause of All.
One 'midst the rest, whose Fame must never cease,
(His Name was Righteousness, his Country's Peace)
The great Melchisedeck the Victor meets,
And with a sacerdotal Blessing greets.

See! the bright Paths in which the Ancients trod,

The Kings were Priests, for Priests were Priests of God.

No Image-Servants; to no Stocks they bow'd,

Nor taught Delusions to th' adoring Crowd.

Free from these Frauds, lo! Abram's Soldiers dine,

The King produc'd no venal Bread and Wine,

Nor said the Mass—yet still his Blessing giv'n

Was deem'd the Blessing of the God of Heav'n.

Content with this, the grateful Warriors part;

For Abram's Soldiers bore a gen'rous Heart.

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Pleas'd

Pleas'd with the Cause of God and Liberty,
For plunder'd Wealth they let their Comrades vie.

Thus, where his Troops our Hero WILLIAM led,

The brutal \* Sons of lawless Rapine fled.

If aught our foreign Aids, perchance, purloin'd,
The English Soldier bore a better Mind:
Their Chief and they one glorious End pursu'd,
The Public Safety and the Public Good.

Oh, may our Sovereign teach these rugged Climes

To prize the Wisdom of those happy Times,
When Subjects ne'er a righteous Prince withstood,
And Monarchs thought the Cause of FREEDOM
good.

<sup>\*</sup> The Highlanders.

By WILLIAM's Arm may War and Faction cease;

And still a BRUNSWICK be our King of Peace.

And you, bright Nymph, as oft in Converse

You entertain Augusta's Royal Ear,

If chance she ask, "Who in her Father's Cause,

- "Lights of the Church, or Guardians of our Laws,
- " Or plumed Chiefs, or Soldiers firm in Fight,
- "Stood forth with Words or Arms to do him right?"

Oh, not for me—but for my Country tell,
There are on Isis' + Banks, who think so well,
Who know his Merits, seel, with grateful Hearts,
The Blessings, that his gentle Reign imparts;

† The River at Oxford.

And

And wish the Streams, which from this FOUNTAIN ‡ flow,

May propagate Affection as they go;
And in their peaceful Channels ever bring
HEALTH to the Land, and HONOUR to the King.

‡ The University.





### An detur Transubstantiatio? Neg.

FICTA Sacerdotum miserum per secla popellum

Relligio ut potuit ludificare dolis!

Hinc Ægyptiacæ Memphitica sacra Juvencæ

Cernis; quotque ferax Numina Nilus habet:

Illinc Dodong fervant Spelæa Molossi;

Et Templum Delphis jactat Apollo suum:

Intulit atque Deos, terris hine inde petitos

Romæ, idem Quæstûs et Pietatis amor.

Cedite, Romani veteres, et cedite, Graii,

Cedas, Memphi, dolis quos nova Roma parat.

Par nostro Invento Reditus, sed Gloria major;

Plus fecisse valet, quam coluisse Deos.

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### An contraria possint esse in eodem? Neg'.

Per Campos fortis dum spatiatur eques,
Agricolæ occursat, quæ, quæ via ducit in urbem?
Ut frixit sermo, quæ sonat hora, rogat.
Aspexit dubius Corydon, formamque Puellæ
Vidit pube tenus, cætera pene virum.

Hæstat; at tandem posita formidine fatur, Quisquis es, haud dubita, me duce tutus eris.

Interea magnas dum versat pectore nugas,

Flamen adest; dignus vindice nodus erat.

Heus, inquit Corydon, si sit tibi tempus aventi, Me sequitor—Sequitur—dic, Reverende, peto.

Nec

Nec genus Humanum, Speciem nam veste virilem Præsert; sæmineos prodidit ore Sonos.

### O D E.

# In propositam amicæ Abitionem.

SIC ergo turbas, O Veneris Puer,
Infeste semper, sic misero mihi
Ultra ciebis? Cur amatam
Hinc oculis abigis puellam?

Senos bis annos scilicet haud satis

Durum procacis ferre jugum suit!

Quin hoc Laboris nunc supremum

Relliquias dederis Pharetræ?

Frustra ergo longos sollicitus Dies

Mansi latentem me male Virginem!

Lasciva si notam Fenestram

Composita repetebat hora.

Rumpat

Rumpat quis unquam Claustra tenacia
Hujusce Turris difficilis procis?

Quæ nec Jovi summo pateret

Ni Deus aureus adveniret.





### INSCRIPTIONS

For the Faces of a Rock, which overlooks the Sea above the Vicarage House at Runcorn.

Si Loci et Nostri stabilita rite

Jura liquisset, modo qui Ministri

Munere cessit:

Tusculum hic esset placidumque Tibur;

Hic mihi sedem cuperem Senectæ;

Hic modum lasso strepitus Scholarum

Militiæque.

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#### JOHANNES FREE A.M.

Eccles. Christi apud Oxonienses Capellanus, Academiæ Proprocurator,

Et Ecclesiæ perantiquæ Rumcosanensis Vicarius 1739-40.

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<sup>\*</sup> The Waters about Runcorn have very much the Appearance of those in the Heliesport and about Gallipeli.

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# ANSWER

TOA

### POETICAL EPISTLE

From my Friend Mr. A-

Who being just then married advised the Author to leave such Solitary Amusements as engraving Verses upon the Rock, and to employ himself better in looking out a Wife.

OUR good Advice for me defign'd, Sir, I must own was very kind:

But

But fince 'twas not a Cafe in Law; Forgive me, if I spy a Flaw. The Thing you know was Matrimony Which you protest is sweet as Honey: And so it may, till this Moon's o'er. But tell me when you've prov'd it more. Tho' I confess it were a Pity, That you should ever change your Ditty; Of Fetters you appear so fond; So happy in the Marriage Bond. But I who Freedom love and Pow'r Could hever be controul'd an Hour; Befide the Living thus in thrawl, The Women, if you knew them all, Are not like your good dear-your Wife, No some would lead you such a Life!-And one of these without due Care May fall to any Neighbour's share: Better to reason and delay, And fludy whom you could obey,

Than all one's Happiness to barter,

For a Month's Toying with a Tartar.

Then to go at it Tooth and Nail,

And fly from Home as from a Jayl.

From Civil Wars good Heav'n defend me,

Nor let a Woman's humour end me;

Not but there is a gentler kind,

And one of these I hope to find;

One, who can think that Crystal Floods,

And mossy Banks are solid Goods:

So for my turn, as, if she pleases,

To make my Sermons,—or my Cheeses.

And when I've found her — shall I marry?

Why Reason still cries "Tarry—tarry.

- " The Way for you is yet but Thorny,
- " Tho' 'twas so easy for the Attorney,
- " His is a Money—getting Trade,
- " Ill Fate hath you a Parson made;
- " And given you fo small a Living,
- " That you can never think of thriving.

- " And Children too your Wife may breed them
- " Faster than both of you can feed them:
- Then her meek Spirit and your own
- " Under a Weight of Care must groan:
- "You die-your Daughter and your Son
- " And your dear Wife are all undone"\_\_\_\_

If this for me be Matrimony,

It has much more of Gall than Honey.

Better to muse among the Flocks,

And grave my Sonnets on the Rocks;

Than ever to defire to know

A Joy so intermix'd with Woe.



#### ONTHE

### Government of our Passions.

SAY, Love, for what good End defign'd
Wert thou to Mortals given?
Was it to fix on Earth the Mind?
Or raise the Heart to Heav'n?

II.

Deluded oft we still pursue

The fleeting Bliss we fought,

As Children chace the Bird in view,

That's never to be caught.

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III.

O! who shall teach me to sustain,

A more than manly Part?

To go thro' Life, nor suffer Pain

Nor Joy to touch my Heart.

IV.

Thou bleft Indifference, be my Guide,

I court thy gentle Reign;

When Passion turns my Steps aside,

Still call me back again.

V.

Teach me to see through Beauty's Art,

How oft its Trappings hide

A base, a lewd, a treacherous Heart;

With Thousand Ills beside.

VI.

Nor let my gen'rous Soul give way, Too much to serve my Friends; Let Reason still controul their Sway, And shew where Duty ends.

VII.

If to my Lot a Wife should fall,

May FRIENDSHIP be our Love;

The Passion, that is Transport all,

Does seldom lasting prove:

VIII.

If lasting, 'tis too great for Peace,

The Pleasure's so profuse;

The Heart can never be at Ease,

Which has too much to lose.

IX.

Calm let me estimate this Life,
Which I must leave behind,
Nor let fond Passions raise a Strife,
To discompose my Mind.

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When Nature calls, may I steal by,
As rising from a Feast;

I've had my fill of Life, and why
Should I disturb the rest?

#### E P I T A P H,

Stranger approach! and shed a tender Tear,

If ever Virtue to thy Soul was dear;

If ever Friend in distant Climate lost

Unknown to all, or known to few at most,

Thy Heart if ever Female Sweetness warm'd,

Or lively Wit or Strength of Reason charm'd,

Or suff'ring Beauty bade thy Sorrows flow,

Here Stop a while to melt at others Woe:

And learn an Husband's, Brother's Parent's Moan

For such a Consort, Sister, Daughter gone.

### A GENERAL RELEASE to Hastings Ingram Esq.

Who demanded a Receipt upon the Payment of 6 d. for Easter Offerings.

And

And by these Presents I discharge,

Acquit, release, and set at large

Squire H—— I—— aforesaid,

His Servant Man and Servant Maid.

And all the Children of their Loins,

Their Heirs, Executors, Assigns,

If Child, Executor there be,

Or Heir — to any of the Three;

And now in Witness of the same,

I hereunto subscribe my Name.

Upon being stung in the Face by a Bee, whose Sting was taken out by a Young LADY.

N vain my little Foe inflicts the Smart:
For Parthenissa draws the venom'd Dart.
Her Hand can instantaneous Ease restore,
And add a Thousand Joys unfelt before.

Whilft

Whilst the poor Insect, by the Wound he gave,
Sickens to Death, and makes his Cell his Grave.
Thus by their Malice be my Foes subdu'd,
Or made by Heav'n the Instruments of Good:
And thro' my Life be this my Lot; —— to feel
Foys from each Smart, and Good o'erpaying
Ill.

Westwel June 16, 1745.

Written on the back of a Young Lady's Fan, whose Device was a Monkey weighing in a pair of Scales a Beau against a Feather, the latter of which proved to be the heavier.

STILL to her gen'rous Mind may Fops appear Light as a Feather, empty as the Air!

And as her lovely Hands thy Leaves display,

Good Fan, for ever blow those Fops away.

Preston in Lancashire, July 28 1740.

A Petition to his Grace the Duke of Devonshire setting forth the unfortunate Condition, and marvellous Necessity of certain Travellers, who after a long and tedious Voyage in the greatest want of Provisions arrived at Chatsworth, in August 1730 (drawn but not presented.—For a Dinner came by chance from another Quarter.)

Full many a Mile from Native home,
To fee your GRACE's Grandeur, that's worth
A longer Journey than to Chatsworth,
An't please your GRACE, are forc'd to tell ye,
That each Man brings an empty Belly:
And has a most uncommon Itching
For something from your Grace's Kitchin.
Now we have pitch'd like Men of Sense on,
(As the best Dish) an Haunch of Ven'son.
For know, my Lord, your Man the Bearer,
Who doubtless thinks to be a Sharer,
Has told us, that you have as good,
As ever rang'd in Park or Wood.

So let your GRACE but condescend In this Distress to stand our Friend: And we shall all your House remember, The longer, for our Belly-Timber.

A Familiar Epistle to an intimate Friend putting him in Mind of my Collection in Garlick-Hill Parish, where I was formerly Lecturer.

Can think of any thing but Nanny;
I'd humbly beg you to remember,
That it approaches towards November:
And that my Michaelmas Collection
Requires your Favour, and Protection.
If that your noble Courage fail ye,
Or Hyp, or Love, or aught should ail ye:
Why then, your humble Servant wills,
That you apply to Mr. Mills.
Methinks I see you Side by Side,
A Common-Council for your guide.

Tom with fuch Company you'll prate . And make your Speeches adequate; Teaze the good Women, till they're willing To drop the Lecturer a Shilling. Now 'tis the Love I bear to you-ward And care for my Successor How-rd, Which is the most prevailing Reason, That makes me keep you to your Season. For without care, God knows, the Church Is left too often in the Lurch; Then to your shame without his Pay, Your Lecturer \_\_\_ must run away: You see then I'd be understood, To dun you for another's Good. As bawling Patriots pretend That Interest is not their End. -But to write more I have not Time, Perhaps you'll wonder 'tis in Rhyme-Why, as it was a dunning Letter, I thought that it might relish better.

You know Friend Jemmy \*, to cajole us, Wraps a gold Leaf about his Bolus.

And so the Patient gives a Quilt——
And down it goes; because 'tis gilt.

P. S. Now to the Folks, who had the Picking Of Mrs. Yeoman's Ham and Chicken,

My most fincere Respects impart,

And tell them—that they have my Heart.

Written in a Book of Family Receipts and Cookery, under the Name of a Young Lady since dead.

! form'd alike in ev'ry shape to please, In ev'ry Station to behave with Ease, Canst thou the Joys of other Nymphs forego, The private Junket, and the Publick Show, I From Cards, and Play, and Company retire, Direct the House, and see a Kitchen Fire?

<sup>\*</sup> Mr. James Ward an Apothecary, fince dead, a good Man, and a good Neighbour.

The gay and thrifty thus genteely blend,
By turns on Bus'ness, and on Dress attend?
If ever Fortune deign for me a Wise,
By thy Example might she form her Life;
As Time requires it, with good Grace appear,
Polite or useful, lively or severe.

Feb. 1738-9.

On the Choice of an Husband by a Lady.

Kind Heav'n! propitious be to this my Pray'r:
That he whom I am fated to obey,
May kindly govern by a gentle sway,
May his Good Sense improve my best of Thoughts,
And his Good Nature smile at all my faults.
May ev'ry Virtue his best Friendship know,
And all Vice shun him as a Mortal Foe,
Still let me find posses'd by the Dear Youth,
The best good manners, the sincerest Truth:

Unblemish'd be his Honour and his Fame,
And let his Actions merit his good Name.
I'd have his Fortune easy, but not great,
For Troubles always on the Wealthy wait.
And Life's so very short I would not spare,
The smallest Part to throw away on Care.
Be this my Fate, if I am made a Wise,
Or keep me happy in a single Life.

## A Birth-Day Thought.

By the same Hand.

AN I, all gracious Providence!

Can I deserve thy Care?

Ah no! I've not the least Pretence

To Bounties, which I share.

Have I not been defended still From Dangers, and from Death, The gay and thrifty thus genteely blend,
By turns on Bus'ness, and on Dress attend?

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Been

Been safe preserv'd from ev'ry ill, E'er since thou gav'st me Breath?

I live, once more to fee the Day, That brought me first to Light;

O teach my willing Heart the Way

To take thy Mercies right.

Tho' dazzling Splendour, Pomp, and Show, My Fortune has deny'd,

Yet (more than Grandeur can bestow)

Content hath well supply'd.

No Strife has e'er disturb'd my Peace, No Miseries have I known;

And that I'm blest in *Health* and *Ease*With humble thanks I own.

I envy no one's Birth, or Fame, Their Titles, Train, or Dress,

Nor has my Pride e'er stretch'd its Aim Beyond what I posses.

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I ask not, wish not to appear

More Beauteous, Rich, or Gay;

Lord! make me wiser ev'ry Year,

And better ev'ry Day.



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## THESTORY

OF

## SUSANNA,

A

## POEM.

Inscribed to Miss Sukey Combe.

Just such as you, so lovely and so Fair
So chaste and good was she, whose Name you bear,
May Heav'n, if e'er you choose to be a Wife,
From her Missortunes guard your peaceful Life:
And from your Angel-Innocence remove
All rude Invasions of unlawful Love.

E MBATTEL'D Hosts with dreadful Splendor bright,

And Heroes meeting in the Shock of Fight, Sublimer Themes! to Epic Strains belong;

An humble Subject moralize my Song.

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A studious Ear may Britain's Daughters lend, And trace the Pattern, which they must commend, When, Ages fince, the proud Assyrian stood The mighty Monarch of the World subdu'd; Then flourish'd Babylon; from ev'ry Soil, Or throng'd with Captives, or enrich'd with Spoil: Then Sion, wasted by his destin'd Hand, Was led a Captive to a foreign Land. But the hard Yoak at length the Victor eas'd, And dawning Liberty with Time encreas'd: The mournful Captive felt his milder Reign, Shook off the Dust and now reviv'd again. Intent on Arts her Fate no more she mourns, With Love of Life rich Industry returns. But chief o'er all for Riches, Pow'r, and Fame, One stood renown'd, and Yoachim his Name: Like him to please not one so rightly knew, Not one so honour'd, or so wealthy grew. Some free-born Prince the Captive Jew appear'd, So much the Favour of his Lord he shar'd.

When lo! yet wanting to his happy State, Chelchia's Daughter made his Joys compleat: In the fair I/raelite at once were join'd The brightest Person, and devoutest Mind: From her first Years were Moses' Laws instill'd, And the good Parents made the pious Child. Thus Joachim advanc'd above the rest, Blest in his Fortune, in his Marriage blest, With open Gates his Nation still receiv'd, The Elders honour'd, and the Poor reliev'd. Within his Palace each Debate was heard, And chief the Judges of his Favour shar'd. But what good Act th' ungrateful Wretch can bind, Or what reclaim, when Lust enslaves the Mind? Susanna's Charms (for such his Consort's Name) For holy Friendship rais'd the foulest Flame. As in the Flow'r which gives the Bee its Sweets, Th' invenom'd Spider nought but Poison meets.

Now

Now Yoachim a spacious House had rear'd, The Owner's Grandeur in the Pile appear'd: Th' adjoining Garden long continu'd Rows Of stately Trees, and lofty Walls enclose. Within the Spot each Fruit that's grateful grew, Each Flow'r delicious to the Smell or View: The mantling Vine its loaded Branches spread, The Olive rear'd its party-colour'd Head. Its hidden Gems unwilling to disclose A fordid Coat the fweet Pomegranate shows. The pale-hu'd Lilies spangled o'er the Ground, And intermingled Roses blush'd around. Delightful Order gave to all a Grace, And Art with Nature vy'd to bless the Place. But tow'rd the midst no more the Flowrets smil'd; The labour'd Garden ended in a wild. First 'gainst the Sun its Leaf the Fig-tree spreads; Within, a various Growth exalt their Heads:

Their Shades the Sycomore and Cedar join,
The branching Palm-tree and the dusky Pine.
But in the Center, where the winding Way
Ended at length, a flow'ry Circus lay;
Its oval Limits Myrtle-Arbors crown'd,
A Marble-Bason grac'd the middle Ground,
Three Fonts by subterraneous Ducts supply'd
Rise from its Waves, and in its Waves subside:
These when to cease some hidden Work commands,
Ting'd on the Flood each neighb'ring Object stands.
A Sylvan Scene's reflected to the Sight,
And Trees beneath shut out the nether Light.

Each Noon retiring still Susanna went
To seek the friendly Cool her Garden lent.
For then the Season, when the Groves allay
With their fresh Shades the Scorching of the Day.
Th' attentive Judges ev'ry Motion view,
And still in Thought the absent Fair pursue:

See her unveil'd beneath some Arbour lie, Courting the Breeze, all charming to the Eye. Fancy improves whate'er Defire conceives, And each warm Wish a light Enjoyment gives. Thus while each fans, th' inglorious Flame he feels; Conscience in vain their hated Duty tells: Their growing Raptures all Restraint remove; Religion, Friendship, what are ye to Love? But yet, tho' veh'ment, hopeless was their Pain; They faw her daily, but they faw in vain. Both to conceal their lawless Passions try: Shame guards each Word, each Motion of the Eye. Happy had either with his Anguish pin'd, And the foul Flame within himself confin'd: But once as whilst with usual Care they wait The long-wish'd op'ning of the Garden-Gate: The one to cloak the Cause of his Delay, With feeming Wonder chides his Friend away; " Home let's repair fince Noon's Repast is near,

- " Our Clients to their Tasks in Peace are gone,
- " And now the Business of the Day is done."

This said, they part, and slowly homeward turn,
With the same Thought their twin-born Passions burn.
Secure alone each hopes the Fair to move,
And turns obedient to the Calls of Love.
Thus when we cease the Needle to controul,
It trembles back and seeks th' attracting Pole.

Now divers Ways the House approaching near,
Each sudden turns, and meets his Brother there.
Silent they stop, and lost in wild Surprise,
Betray the Guilt, they labour to disguise.
By this embolden'd one his Friend address'd,
And thus persuasive to Confession press'd:
Since the same Act the same Intention shows,
Agree, my Friend, the Secret to disclose;
Confirm by Words, what Looks so well impart,
Forget to blush, and pour out all thy Heart.

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The pleasing Motion th' other straight obey'd, Threw off the Mask, and thus in Raptures said.

Love in my Soul with wild Dominion reigns. And captive Virtue droops beneath its Chains. But why with Virtue do I grate thine Ear, Or what avails our false Appearance here? Alone Susanna oft I wish'd to find.-My Thought's the same, the other quick rejoin'd: Hence with united Cunning we'll pursue. Our Common Joy, the lovely Prize in View. What tho' a Partner Love refuse to bear; Lust less refin'd allows a Friend to share. But grant alone her Converse we'd enjoy'd! And Eloquence with all its Charms employ'd; Where stern Religion holds its stubborn Reign, Wit is but Folly, Eloquence but vain: Keen-fighted Chastity the Snare defies, And fees the Crime in all its Blackness rise.

Far

Far better Means this happy Juncture shows;
Oft to her Garden, and alone she goes:
There be we hid, and when the Fair we spy,
Her choice shall be to pleasure us, or die.
Then if the Fool relentless still resuse;
This specious Fiction shall the Rout abuse;
How in unlawful Commerce there we found
Some unknown Youth, who leap'd the Garden mound,
Our Word decisive bears so strong a Sway,
None e'er will question what their Rulers say.
Thus to our Quiet in the fair One's Fall,
Our Hopes and Fears alike shall perish all.
Her Pray'rs, her Tears, her Charms shall fail to move;
'Tis not the Object, but the Crime we love.

With Cunning thus their Stratagem defign'd,

A Time to execute full foon they find.

Thus ends the Day; the Noon succeeding brought

True to their Hopes the Happiness they sought.

Susanna

Susanna then, for forth her Lord was gone, All but her Servants, deem'd herself alone: These she commands to shut the Garden-Gate, Next at her Fountain with a Lotion wait. Their Mistress' Orders thus perform'd with care. Back thro' a private Door they strait repair. To the cool Grove Susanna goes in haste, And brush'd the lurking Judges as she past. As in the wild some heedless Lambkin strays, And round the Lion's Den unwitting plays, The Lovers faw, and kindling at the Sight, Impatient rush to fnatch the dear Delight: With ardent Gaze devour her promis'd Charms, And round her Bosom clasp their trembling Arms: Redoubled Transport from her Touch receive, And thus in fault'ring Words their Meaning give.

Blush not, fair Daughter, lay aside thy Fear, In Silence only lend a patient Ear: To bless our faithful long-conceal'd Desires, Behold how Fortune now at length conspires:

Thou

Thou know'st our Pow'r, if rashly thou refuse,
Thy Fame, tho' spotless, dies, when we accuse,
Thus far she heard.—'Tis Death, your Will deny'd,—
And Death to grant it, with a Shriek she cry'd:

Th' unusual Noise th' astonisht Servants hear,
And thronging at the private Door appear.
With ready Lie the old Deceivers wait;
This breathless stands beside the open'd Gate;
That holds th' Offender, and aloud exclaims,
Declares her Lewdness, and her Treach'ry blames.
The wond'ring Crowd with Pain the Tale believ'd,
And all abash'd the swooning Fair receiv'd.

Thus ends the Day; the Morn succeeding rose;
To Joachim's the full Assembly goes.
Early the wakeful Judges haste away,
Their own Affair forbids their usual Stay.
With Fear of Shame and Thirst of Vengeance fraught,
They strait command Susanna to be brought.

The

The mournful Matron with her Kin appears, A friendly Train with fympathizing Tears: Her wond'ring Infants on her Garments hung, And her fad Parents flowly led the Throng. These all the Firmness of her Virtue knew. But few esteem'd their partial Voices true: A thousand various Ways her Case is told, By the rash Young, or too censorious Old. And now before the Judgment-Seat she stood; When first the Elders thus bespoke the Crowd. The modest Veil from off the Strumpet tear, From conscious Blushes let her Guilt appear. The Face of Innocence expos'd to View, A Flood of Tears from each Beholder drew. But other Thoughts her curs'd Accusers fire, What gave these Pity, gave to them Desire. Now rifing each in awful Judgment stands, Her guiltless Head sustains their impious Hands, Weeping to Heav'n she makes a filent Pray'r, And places all her Hopes of Safety there:

Whilst

Whilst they to prejudice the People fought, And jointly thus their Accusation brought. As in an Arbour yesterday we lay, To shun the Scorching of the sultry Day; Sudden there open'd wide a privy Gate, Susanna enters, and her Servants wait. To these some secret Business she pretends, And hafty thence and unsuspecting sends: Soon as she saw her prying Tendance gone, And all exulting thought herself alone; The faithless Wretch, the Darling of her Lord, And, as their Pattern, by her Sex ador'd; Ardent to meet some strange Adult'rer came, Alike forgetful of her Love and Fame; Our Indignation kindled at the View, And quick to seize him both at once we flew. But o'er our Age with Ease the Youth prevail'd, Sprung from our Arms, and quick the Gate affail'd, She still remain'd, yet all in vain we strove, To learn the Object of so base a Love,-

A Sigh came strugling with each Word she spoke.

Almighty God! who present ev'ry where,
Se'est all the Wickedness transacted here;
How ill thy Delegates dispense thy pow'r,
How unconcern'd the Innocent devour?

Let not the wicked thus pervert thy Laws,
Rise, Judge of all, and vindicate my Cause:

Purge off the Stain of this pretended Guilt:
Nor thus unjustly let my Blood be spilt.—

In vain she spake, th' Assembly hasts away,
Nor thought it more than Criminals would say.
But he, to whom she thus address'd her Pray'r,
Heard the Distress, which scap'd the human Ear:
For now the Innocent to death was led,
And the vain Hope of Life and Respite sled;
When midst the Tumult of the gath'ring Crowd,
Hark, a glad voice! which thus proclaims aloud:
"From Isr'els Folly I myself am clear,

" The Curse of Bloodshed let the Guilty bear."

All look attentive where the Voice was heard; When lo! a Youth of Form divine appear'd; Who ardent thus pursu'd the Theme begun: " On Sins fo heinous blindly can ye run? " Shall thus a Daughter of our Nation die; " The Truth important thus in Darkness lie? Shall false Accusers with such Ease deceive, " And their fair Shew so vast Affurance give?" This faid, the People back at once return, And joyful all with Expectation burn. Mean while the Elders thus address'd the Youth, Hail! Heav'nly chosen advocate for Truth! Amongst ourselves Elected take thy Seat. And dauntless here the wond'rous Tale repeat. Then Daniel thus, (for that his Name) reply'd, From mutual Converse first the two divide; Lest farther Measures to deceive they take, Elude our Caution and by Compact speak. His prudent Counsel is with Care obey'd;

One first advanc'd; when rising thus he said;

Thou old in Sin, the Guilt so lately done, Shews in what Tenour all thy Days have run. Thus could ye trample on the facred Law, And flay the Innocent, so void of Awe? Our injur'd Daughters by your Threats compell, To act the Crime, and acted to conceal? Now fay (fince falsely yet affert ye dare) Beneath what Tree ye found the guilty Fair. The trembling Sinner stupid with Surprize, Fault'ring, at length, a Mastick-tree replies. His Silence then the youthful Elder broke, And sternly thus in comely Anger spoke. Fool, to thy Crimes an End at length is giv'n, Tho' late the Blow of long-forbearing Heav'n. But see the Partner of thy Follies come, Whose dreaded Answer seals your mutual Doom. Say, wicked Judge, beneath what Tree were laid Th' offending Pair? Beneath an Holm he faid. Then the same fad upbraiding Lesson heard, And the same Sentence with his Brother shar'd.

Loud Shouts of Joy on all Sides gather round,
And Daniel's Praise in ev'ry Mouth is found.
Chief the glad Parents in the Joy partake,
And Hallelujah's to Jehovah make:
Own injur'd Innocence his special Care,
Embrace their Child, and drop a tender Tear.
The Death, the Elders for the Fair design'd,
Judg'd by the Law themselves deserv'dly find,
To Life and Fame Susanna thus restor'd,
Return'd more lovely to her joyful Lord.

This Poem of Susanna was written when the Author was very young, first printed in the Year 1730.

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### HEROICK POEM

Written at Hemsworth in YORKSHIRE in the Months of November and December, 1730.

--- Ενθα δε δι θελκή ή εμα πάνη α τέτυκτο,
Ενθ΄ ἔνι μεν Φιλότης, ἔν δ΄ ίμερος, ἐν δ΄ δαρις υς,
Πάρφασις, ήτ' ἔκλεψε νόον πύκα περ Φρονεόντων.
--- Άυτος γάρ δι ἀπ' ἀιθέρος ἦεν ἀμύντωρ
Ζευς, ός μιν πλεόνεως μετ' ἀνδράσι ΘΗΛΥΝΕΟΥΣΑΝ
Τίμα κὰ κύδαινε---- Homer's Iliad.

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# JUDITH,

#### CANTO the First.

#### The ARGUMENT.

A Description of the Assyrian Army, the Distresses of the City Bethulia, the Character of Judith a Widow, and her Conference with the Elders of the Place.

I Sing the Dame, whose more than Female Hand Dislodg'd whole Armies from her native Land; Taught the gay Victor to distrust his Sword, And Peace and Safety to her Friends restor'd.

O Thou, whose Wisdom first her Soul impell'd, Whose Pow'r protected thro' the hostile Field, Instruct my Fancy o'er those Plains to rove, And trace thy wondrous Providence and Love.

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A num'rous Host, which round Bethulia lay,
Fill'd all the Land with Terror and Dismay.

Elate in Heart the vain Assyrian sent,
And bade them ravage whereso'er they went,
Deal Death to all, who durst dispute his sway,
Fields, Cities, Realms in Wastes and Ruins lay.

He spoke; obedient to the Tyrant's Word, The sweeping Armies o'er the Nations pour'd.

Earth scarce sustain'd their Number; where they

Dry was the River, and the Village waste.

Beyond the Reach of View, below, above,

Stretch the long Troops, and Hills, and Valleys
move.

These to withstand Bethulia strove in vain,

Lost were her Springs, and Heav'n witheld its

Rain.

Prest with the Rage of Thirst, and sunk with Fear
The sick'ning Crowd a Face of sadness wear:
The frantick Women sent their Shrieks around,
And sainting Infants gasp'd upon the Ground;
The ling'ring Death unable to sustain
The clam'rous Populace aloud complain,
Till the weak Elders by the Cry compel'd
On the fifth Day consent the Town to yield.

This Judith saw, a Woman great and good, With all the Beauty of her Sex endu'd.

A Widow she, but such her Life, and Fame, Scandal itself was silent at her Name.

Devotion still seren'd her peaceful Mind

In Dangers constant, and in Woes resign'd:

Much she revolv'd on what had lately past,

And call'd the Elders to her House in haste.

Fathers, said she, too rashly have you run
To meet the Evil, which you still may shun.

What tho' his fuccour God a while forbear, In the last hopeless Moment he can spare, Defeat the Strength of you devouring Hoft, And drive them spoil'd and scatter'd from our Coast. But think not Man, vain Creature! may prefume, To teach his Maker, or to choose his Doom. Oft has afflicted Isr'el been restor'd, None trust in vain the Mercy of the Lord. Our Refignation still he means to try, We live if patient, if we murmur die. Learn this hard Burthen for a Time to bear, And God relenting will his People hear, Not now averse, as when our Fathers stood, In Baal's Temple, and to Idols bow'd. When loft, abandon'd, and with Sin defil'd, Strangers with Licence all their Riches spoil'd; Or dreadful Midian to the Dens and Rocks, In chace pursu'd them, like the herded flocks:

No Idol now is found in all our Coafts; No God is worthip'd but the Lord of Hofts, And shall we Miscreants to the Foe give way, And leave his House and Sanctuary a Prey? For Judah round, by our default compel'd, To Hands profane their holy things must yield. How better far our dearest Blood were spilt, Than we partakers in so foul a Guilt? How worse than Death our Slavery must prove, Opprest below, and cursed from above? No hope of better Days our Souls to chear, Remorse our Comfort and our Friend despair! Ah! change we for a worfe our prefent State? Who love the Treachery, the Traitors hate. The gen'rous Soul, whose bleeding Country lies, Smoaking around in one fad Sacrifice, Who late refigns his unavailing Sword, Who holds his Virtue, tho' he change his Lord,

May smile in Bondage, and out-live his Woe.

But Traitors, base Destroyers of their Kind,

Who seek the Favour, which they never find,

Groan out a Life the thankless Victor's sport,

In some mean Office, where they cannot hurt.

No! let us face the horrid Front of War,

God on our Side, the utmost Perils dare:

Here stay, till Death resistless force us hence,

Or live our Country's Glory and Defence.

To this the Elders; much thy Speches charm,
With Sense persuasive, and with Courage warm:
E'en now, as ever, in thy Words we find
The wise Composure of an holy Mind,
That fixt, obedient to its Maker's Will;
Unrussed hears, and sees, and judges still.
But think how fore the People were distrest,
How just their Suit; how importunely prest:

No hope of better Days our Souls to chest

Nor blame thy Servants, that we should comply. Left without Pow'r, tho' willing to deny. This the last Refuge, that we now can have. And thou e'en then the finking State must fave. In fight of Heav'n our fuff'rings to display, Weep for our Sins, for speedy Succour pray. -Hear me, faid she, and from her lovely Eyes; The fiercer Light of bright'ning Anger flies. If none shall dare to set his Country free, E'en I myself your Championess will be. When Night approaches, my Arrival wait, And give me passage at the City-Gate. Within the Space, your dastard Souls assign, Behold you Camp, you mighty Army mine. But how, at present, I forbear to speak, Or share my Thoughts, with Counsellors so weak: So shall my Deed your Admiration raise, And late Posterity proclaim my Praise.

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And fure it must, the Poets never join.

Their pious Verse, and make their Story thine,
Unmov'd thy better Monument shall stand,
And brave the Force of Time's destroying Hand,
The well pleas'd Virgin shall thy Act record,
And sing thy Praise, where'er thy God's ador'd,
Till his last Trumpet shake this solid Ball,
And coming Kingdom overshadow all.

The End of the First Canto.

# CANTO the Second.

The ARGUMENT.

Judith having dismissed the Elders, prepares for her Expedition to the Camp of Holosernes, with no other Attendant but her faithful Maid.

HE hopeless Elders by her Courage sir'd,
Bless'd her design, and thoughtful all retir'd.
Their

Their busy Minds no certain Prospect boast,
In the wild Mazes of Conjecture lost;
While Judith earnest on her Purpose spread,
Repentant Ashes on her lovely Head.
What Time the Priests their holy Voices rais'd,
And in Jerusalem the Altar blaz'd;
Devoutly prostrate to the Earth she falls,
And thus in Anguish to th' Almighty calls.

God of our Fathers—by whose Pow'r and Word
The hardy Simeon \* drew the vengeful Sword,
'Gainst those who durst thine Heritage desile
A single Virgin of her Honour spoil:
Unpiti'd on their Thrones the Princes bled,
Wild Carnage stain'd the matrimonial Bed:
Monarch and Slave the hasty Faulchion gor'd,
And slaughter'd Subjects groan'd around their Lord.
Thus 'gainst th' Asyrians speed th' intended Blow,
Thus universal be their Overthrow.

<sup>\*</sup> Gen. xxxiv. 2, 25.

Who blind, prefumptuous, trufting in their Might. I' Require no Helper but themselves in fight. Vain Men! who glory in the Sword and Spear, M. W. Their Horse, their Chariots, and the Pomp of War. Careless of him, who warreth from the Skies, They know thee not, or if they know, despise; Make vain the Strength in which the mighty trust, And humble you proud Army in the Dust. How pleas'd thy Vengeance would myfelf perform, O! give thy Servant to direct the Storm; O! may my Speeches all their Host ensnare, And for thy chosen let a Woman war. So shall Omnipotence more plain be seen, Which felf-fufficient needs no Help of Men; No mighty Armies to perform its Will, Can raise the weak, and bid the vanquisht kill. Then shall these Spoilers with Confusion own, The God of Ifrael is God alone.

Thy

Thy People rescu'd all their Voices raise, And ev'ry Nation echo to thy Praise.

Thus as the Fair her Adoration ends, She leaves her Tent, and to the House descends. For there, retiring fince her Husband dy'd, In mournful Solitude she chose to 'bide. Nor e'er enjoy'd the Grandeur she possess'd, But on the Sabbath, or a solemn Feast. Not vainly gay, with Female Lightness weak, She only deck'd her for Religion's fake. Now, nor till now, the Gazer's Eyes to move. And raise short Flames of transitory Love. In Office near her trusty Servant stands, And aids her. Actions with Assistant Hands: From long neglected Stores they first unfold, Rich Garments stiff with Broidery of Gold. Selecting each with careful Eye surveys, What else might Love, or Admiration raise.

Next to attire the beauteous Dame prepares,

Fresh from the Bath, and sweet with fragrant

Airs.

Her Hair in Braidings curiously dispos'd, Within a Net of Gold she first inclos'd; On this aloft, with clust'ring Jewels grac'd, Majestick dress! the fair Tiara plac'd. Far beaming Pendants glitter in her Ears, And either Hand a graceful Bracelet wears. Her Robe, that waving o'er her Sandals flow'd, Receiv'd new Colours from each step she trod. While fast behind her trusty Servant bears, The light Provisions of their future Wars. And now at distance the expecting Throng, Beheld her shining, as she mov'd along. Such as long fince, her Husband's Heart to glad, In all the Panoply of Beauty clad. O'er each sad Countenance new Gladness stole, And fudden Hope awaken'd in the Soul.

As when some Star forth-breaking from the Night, Of dark'ning Clouds displays its glorious Light, Where out at Sea the weary Vessel plies, 'Twixt Rocks and Shoals the dang'rous Passage lies: The helpless Pilot doubtful what the Coast, Short their Provision, and their Anchors lost: With joyful Eyes the fainting Sailors gaze, Their Course reforming by its friendly Rays. Thus Judith beauteous from her Sorrows came, Thus all took Courage, who beheld the Dame. To bless her enterprize the Elders rose, The Gates flow-creeking next the Guard unclose. Her progress all with steddy looks pursue, Till Night and Distance terminate their View.

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# CANTO the Third.

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## The ARGUMENT.

Judith arrives at the Camp of Holofernes, she is conducted to the Tent of that General. Her situation in the Camp, till she found out the Means of effecting his Death; her triumphant return to Bethulia, and the Rout of the Assyrian Army.

In the wide Plain the Pair arrive at last.

Screen'd by the Twylight Judith hasts away,

Where the main Army with its Leader lay:

Now in their March the prowling Watch she meets,

And close advanc'd with friendly accent greets.

And as on mighty Enterprises bent,

Requires a Convoy to the Gen'ral's Tent.

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A gorgeous Chariot to conduct the Fair.

Her trusty Servant and herself ascend,

The marshal'd Warriors at her side attend.

Till at th' imperial Tent they make a stand,

And wait, for audience, their chief's command.

Mean while the Rumor of their coming drew
The idle Multitude in crouds to view;
Eager they throng, but scarce approaching nigh,
Glance through the armed Ranks a transient Eye.
Who thus the glimpses of her form had seen
With more impatience strive to see again;
While those who plainly view, with fixt surprize,

Dwell on the Sight, and feed their longing Eyes.

But now access is giv'n, the op'ning throng, Divide obsequious, where she moves along: To the chief guard the Troop their charge religit.

Who parting form on either Hand a Line.

Within, a menial Train her entrance wait,

In all the gaudy Pageantry of State.

Six purpled Slaves who blazing Incense bore.

In Lamps of Silver, went their Lord before.

While Judith follow'd by her Maid alone,

Herself a wonder all the Pomp out-shone.

Compos'd and calm she seem'd, and as they meet,

Fell down with graceful Rev'rence at his feet.

To raise her up the Servants strait repair,

Studious to please a Personage so fair.

The Foe himself insensibly grew mild,

And as he spoke his rugged Visage smil'd.

Fair one whate'er thy Embassy may prove,
Let this assurance all thy Fears remove.
Whoe'er a Friendship to my Lord intend,
The King of Kings, in us shall find a Friend;

But who imprudent lift the hostile Spear,

Destruction swallows, for with them we war.

No! had thy People but obey'd my Word,

Far, far, from hence I now had drawn the Sword:

Still on their Mountains might thy Nation keep,

Nor see their Cities slame, nor hear their Captives weep.

But say what Motive, for we wish to know,
Brings thee to hope Protection from a Foe;
If at the conduct of thy People griev'd,
Or seek'st redress for Injuries receiv'd,
This, or what else it be, undaunted speak,
Nor think thou liv'st, but for thy Story's sake.

Thus ended he, the Fair in modest guise,

Prepares to speak, and lifts her sparkling Eyes.

All on her Charms with still Attention hung,

When thus broke forth the Musick of her Tongue.

If you, great Chief, whom conquer'd Worlds have told,

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In counsels prudent as in Action bold; Can deign as faithful my Advice to take, And hear the full Discoveries I make: Sure as the Might'est of the Mighty lives, From whom my Lord fuch ample Sway receives, The Sword shall all thine Enemies devour, But wait with Prudence till the fated Hour: Till God himself shall speed thy destin'd way, And give them helpless to thy Host a prey. For whilst protected by his faving Hand, Vain is thy force, for still they may withstand. No treacherous Fiction this, that I reveal! Search, and thy Captives as myself can tell. Each Neighb'ring Nation in its turn has known, That Judah wars with Prowess not his own;

But now the God, on whom their hopes depend,
Mov'd by their Sin, shall cease to be their Friend.
From diverse Meats commanded to abstain,
Thro' pressing Want they make that precept vain.
Nay farther yet, they purpose to defile
Their Corn their Fruits, their hallow'd Wine and
Oyl.

Revoke the Offerings of their former Years,
And fruitless make their once accepted Pray'rs.
One to Jerusalem is sent to bear,
A specious Licence from the Senate there.
Where the same wild tumultuous Madness reigns,
And injur'd Piety as loud complains:
Soon as this Message reaches to their Walls,
Each on the Prey without Restriction falls;
So fond their Woe, as tho' to Man 'twere given,
To order for th' Omniscience of Heaven.
Limit his Punishments and in his stead,
Allow to practise, what he once forbade.

'Tis then thy Arms refistless may succeed, For instant Vengeance overtakes the Deed. All this my God, whose Messenger I come, Whose Laws I keep, hath taught me to foredoom. And bids me nightly to the Vale repair To pray till he the Moment shall declare, When I—these Mountains with destruction crost, E'en to Jerusalem shall lead thy Host. Like scatter'd Sheep disperse this Rebel train, And fix thy Throne for ever to remain. Here ended she, yet each with ravish'd Ear, And look benevolent flood fixt to hear. Thus the fweet Syrens all their Arts employ, Charm those they hate, and please but to destroy. The Tyrant's felf enamour'd gaz'd her o'er, And thus confess'd resistless Beauty's Pow'r; A Form so beautiful, so wise a Mind, Such heav'nly Looks with fweet Perswasion join'd Forbid the Hearer in suspence to stand, Prevent the Will, and while they ask, command.

Should God, at whose direction this is done,

Assist to persect, what thou hast begun,

Him as supreme for ever I'd allow,

With thee in Consort, at his Altars bow.

Thou too, when Fate shall these our Foes destroy,

Shalt name no Blessing but thou may'st enjoy,

Shalt live like Assur in the Pomp of State,

Compleatly happy, as renown'd and great.

Thus spake the Foe, and first proceeding bade

The rest conduct her, where his Stores were laid;

There o'er his Chiess superior and alone,

He sate exalted on a Purple Throne;

Whence Gold and precious Stones, in mingled blaze,

Of various Colours sent ten thousand Rays.

Thus in the spangled Mantle of the Night,

Each various Quarter glows with various Light:

That, siery red with some malignant Star,

This, mix'd of Gold, and this, like Silver fair.

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Around the Throne each Board with Chargers shone,

The Wealth of Kings by rapine made his own. In these large heaps of choicest Meats were stow'd, And copious Streams of brimming Nectar flow'd. Of fuch to taste unlicens'd and unus'd, The profer'd Grace the Fair one thus refus'd; These Meats unknown permit me to foregoe, Left I too finning make my God my Foe: My Friend and Servant, as we want, can give With fafer Hand fufficient means to live; Nor, trust me, shall our little Treasure fail, Till God forfake our Foes, and thou prevail. So faying, they their Appetite supprest, With short Refection, and retir'd to Rest. Instant, unseen attendant Angels steep Her careful Temples in the balm of Sleep. Around her Couch their restless Watch employ, And whisper dreams of Extasy and and Joy.

She saw the Felon tumbled from his Throne,
An headless Carcase at her Feet lie prone.
And strait on Fancy's Wing convey'd along,
Tho' how she knew not, seem'd her Friends among.
Met with a Song of Praise with Garlands crown'd,
Whilst the whole City throng'd rejoycing round.
And as the Scene of triumph pass'd away,
Sweet heav'nly voices said, or seem'd to say.
Judith arise, to yonder Valley speed,
And ask of God to realize thy Deed.
Wak'd and confirm'd by what the Vision said,
Deep wrap'd in Thought she rises from her Bed.
Speaks her design in Whispers to her Friend,
And bids her straightway on her Steps attend

Mean while the Tyrant laid devoid of Rest, Imagination working in his Breast. He thought her o'er in all her beauties bright, And wish'd impatient for the Morning Light,

When

When lo! a Servant by the Fair one sent,

Approach'd to ask her passage from the Tent.

Ere well he heard, he gives a fresh command,

That none presume her Motions to withstand.

Thus unrestrain'd the Pair in silence go,
Fearless, unquestion'd, thro' the sleeping Foe.
Led by the falling Rills, whose murmuring Sound
Lull'd the still Night, Betbulia's mount they found;
From out whose Foot the gushing Fountains sprung,
The tinkling Rocks with hollow Sounding rung;
The Fair arriv'd, her Vesture lays aside,
And baths secure within the crystal Tide;
Cleans'd of each Stain and Sin the brink ascends,
And on the rugged Rock devoutly bends.

For not as now, might Man address his God, Purg'd from his Frailties in a Saviour's Blood. A Mystick Wash by distant Type ally'd,
And ting'd with Faith for better Streams supply'd:
Yet high to Heav'n, not unaccepted came
The pious ardours of the fervent Dame:
No more with anxious Doubts her Bosom burn'd,
Confirm'd she rose, and to the Camp return'd.
Sate all the Day within the Tent retir'd,
And seen the less, was still the more admir'd.

Thus had she spent the third revolving Day,
When now the Foe, impatient of delay,
The fourth, his Nobles to a Feast conven'd
Such, whose Affairs permit them to attend.
That haply by Entreaty drawn to share
The heedless Fair one might indulge too far;
And he some Interval unguarded find,
When Mirth instam'd, and Reason left the Mind.

All was prepar'd, when now he bids invite

The beauteous Stranger to the genial rite.

But e're she came her Servant rais'd a board,
With her own Wine and simple Dainties stor'd;
Then o'er a Couch the richest Carpets strow'd,
The Tyrant's treasure! for her use allow'd:
By this adorn'd majestick in her gaite,
Enter'd the Dame, and close before him sate:
A pleasing Faintness o'er his Spirits stole,
Her nearer Beauties shook his inmost Soul:
From his wan Cheek at once the Colour slies,
And strongest Passion wanton'd in his Eyes.
His Heart thick-beating slutter'd in his breast,
And lab'ring Breath his first Words scarce express.

Come, lovely Partner in the War, he cry'd.

With us the Pleasures of the Day divide.

Too strict, too distant is the Life you lead,

Let social Joy to Prayers and Fasts succeed;

Not so severe can be the Will of Heav'n,

Nor thus to languish was thy Beauty given.

To whom the Fair; what you my Lord command,
Your Handmaid I presume not to withstand.
If e'er such Pleasures with my Life agreed,
'Bove all the past the present Day may plead.
For yet I ne'er such inward Triumph found,
Was honour'd thus, or saw such Splendor round.

So faying, freely as the rest she shar'd

The little Banquet, which her Maid prepar'd;

Glad was the Foe, and careless to what height

Excess may lead, indulg'd in each delight.

Thoughts he had none, or all his Thoughts employ'd,

And none arrending five her Alaid alone

How the dear Object might be still enjoy'd:
What means might surest lengthen out their stay,
And give him still her Beauty to survey.

Thus Luxury misrul'd, 'till each full Guest,

Opprest and weary stole away to Rest:

For yet I ne'er fuch inward Triumph found,

His tendants did the fame, and thought this Night.

Must give their Lord the long-desir'd delight.

But like themselves in Sleep's embrace he lies

For God had clos'd his unconsenting Eyes.

'Twas now the Dame perceiv'd his Servants gone, And none attending fave her Maid alone; The Foe the great Blasphemer of her God, Unarm'd, insensible, an helpless load; The Place, the Opportunity recall, Strait to her Mind the Vision of his Fall.

Beside his Throne hung glitt'ring all in State,
With his proud Crest a Sword of massive weight:
Such, whose fell Stroke did never light in vain,
Parent of Sorrows! made to wast amain.

This view'd the Dame, and seizing undismay'd, With all her Might draws forth the slaming blade;

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Conceives a warm unutterable Pray'r,

And firm of Soul, approach'd the Foe with care;

Where buri'd in Intemperance he lay,

And with his Falchion lopp'd his Head away;

That done, she rolls the Carcase on the Floor,

(Dash'd was the Throne, the Groundsel stream'd with

Gore.)

The Head she takes, from off the Columns tears
The purple Vail, and to her Servant bears,
Who, in their own Apartment bid to stay,
Wak'd to attend her, where she us'd to pray.
The dangerous Trophies carefully bestow'd,
She rais'd supporting, and away they trode.
The meanly Scrip, that held their Meats before,
So God ordain'd, a nobler Burthen bore.
He by slight means can human Fortune sway,
And humbly low the proudest Mortals lay.

Thus unsuspected thro' the Camp they sled, Quick to the Town, for Fear assists their Speed.

And

And now the Dame the City Walls drew near,

Hark! a glad Voice the fainting Watchmen hear.

- " Ope, ope thy Gates Betbulia she cry'd,
- Break into Song, for God is on thy Side."

  Strait at her well known Words the Gates unclose,

  And in the Saviour of her Country goes.

Within the Town there lay an open Court,

Of vast extent, a Place of chief resort.

Where the besieg'd at each return of Night,

With ceaseless Fires supply'd the want of Light;

Thither the Fair Adventurer to greet,

The joyful Elders with the People meet:

A Circle round in Expectation frame,

And wait the Tidings of the wondrous Dame;

Who from her Store th' amazing Trophies drew,

One Hand supports the Vail of various Hue,

Twin'd in the Hair the other lifts the Head,

The Eyes half open'd seem'd to threat when dead.

The

The daggled Locks were wet with stiffning gore,
The Bear'd disorder'd stain'd the Face all o'er;
And as she shew'd it to her Friends around,
The scarce cold Blood dropt trick'ling from the Wound.

Behold, ye Men of Ifrael, she faid, The Pomp, in which their mighty Chief was laid. See his once dreaded Face, which aws no more, Mute is the Tongue, which threaten'd Death before. With smoothest Words I purpos'd to deceive, And Heav'n in Vengeance made their Hearts believe, Won to my fide the Tyrant Savage-kind, Bade me to live, for Lust inflam'd his Mind. Yet mix'd of Awe, not violent and bold, Delaying, hoping, by Respect control'd. And thus at length the wish'd occasion given, My Hand has prov'd the Instrument of Heav'n. His Troops unknowing of their Master's fall, In false Security are buried all. Confusion follows, when his Fate they hear, For Minds elate the foonest know Despair.

This must ourselves improve; ere mounts the Sun,
Tell o'er the Mountains, what this Night has done.
Bid them like us draw forth the embattel'd Train,
When Morning dawns; but go not to the Plain;
Till the wild Foe perceive their Leader lost,
And maddest Tumult discompose their host:
Then on our Walls suspend this Head on high,
To aid their Fears, if haply they descry.

Thus as she ends, the Croud their Voices raise,
And speak in Shouts their universal Praise.

Strait the swift Messengers, with Tidings sent,
To all the Cities of the Mountains went,
Where to the West the length'ning Ridges lean,
And Betomasthen views the boundless Plain,
East, where in prospect distant Chusi lies,
And nearer Ekrebel's white Turrets rise.

But now the rising Sun disclos'd from far,
The Mountain tops, that glitter'd all with War,
Strait in the Plains th' Assyrians take th' Alarm,
Acquaint their Leaders and prepare to arm;

But sure of Conquest careleless each appear'd, And Words like these throughout the Host were heard.

What Madness drives these Miscreants on their Fate, Or feek they death, as far a better State? Thus they—when lo! a fudden Cry is spread. Their Chief himself by Treachery was dead. Straight in each Face discordant Passions join'd, And fear depress'd their late exulting Mind. Down drop their idle Arms, the Fields refound. With hideous Yell, themselves themselves confound. In vain at length to giddy Flight they turn, Troops stop on Troops with adverse Motions born. As when from Jordan's Banks the Brakes among The Lion brings his unexperienc'd Young, Watchful they follow where he leads the way, Observe his Steps and meditate the Prey; Till now fome fecret Toil approaching near, Rush the bold Hunters forth and launch the whizzing Spear.

The mighty Savage falls; his Young befet
Hear his last murm'ring Roar, and see his Fate;
Glare wildly round unknowing how to sly,
And helpless, heartless, unresisting die.

Meantime the Warriors from their lofty Post,

Both hear, and see the Tumult of the Host;

And quick-descending with a Shout they go

Like bursting Thunder on th' affrighted Foe;

From ev'ry Quarter sound the fresh Alarms,

The Noise of Men, of Horses, and of Arms.

Soon the bright Faulchion smoak'd with streaming Blood,

And heaps of Dead the Victor's way bestrow'd.

Himself or Friend the flying Syrian gor'd,

The Steed o'erturn'd lay flound'ring on his Lord;

There flying Horsemen meet with stunning Shock,

Here cumb'rous Chariots in each other lock;

Till the swift Sword o'ertakes its struggling Prey,

And all in one promiscuous Ruin lay;

As headlong Torrents swoln by sudden Rains
From divers Mountains rush into the Plains,
Where late the unsuspecting Cattel low'd,
And ripening Crops in goodly Order stood;
Each wasting out its Course where'er they stray,
Bear down the bending Corn, and sweep whole herds
away.

Thus on all Sides th' Assyrian Troops beheld,
The hostile Squadrons pour along the Field.
When Israel conquer'd with resistless might,
Till silent Darkness stop'd the Rage of Fight.

#### FINIS.

#### ERRATA.

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